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ON THE COVER—Twenty-two years have passed since Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon. But other Americans may soon follow the trail blazed by the Apollo program back to the moon and on to Mars and beyond.

Auburn at Progress Crossroads

By George H. Emert, Executive Vice President

Auburn University has arrived at a crossroads in its development. Which way the university goes could depend on the success of what we do in the days and months ahead.

Alumni and friends have played a decisive role in helping Auburn develop into a nationally respected university. The Alumni Association has generated support that enabled Auburn to build top quality programs in a lot of areas. If Auburn had relied on state support alone, the university would today be wallowing in the lower depths of mediocrity instead of emerging, by some measures, as a world-class university. You helped build the university into what it is today, and you have a stake in what it becomes in the future.

There is a lot to be proud of here and a lot of gains that need to be preserved. The average ACT score of entering freshmen has consistently been 20 to 25 percent above the national average, and Auburn has been among the nation's top 50 schools in attracting National Merit Scholars in recent years. Eighty percent of the faculty now hold doctorates, and 87 percent hold a terminal degree in their field. Enrollment is at a record level, 21,836, and Auburn awards 25 percent of all the undergraduate degrees and one-third of all the doctoral degrees presented by public institutions in Alabama.

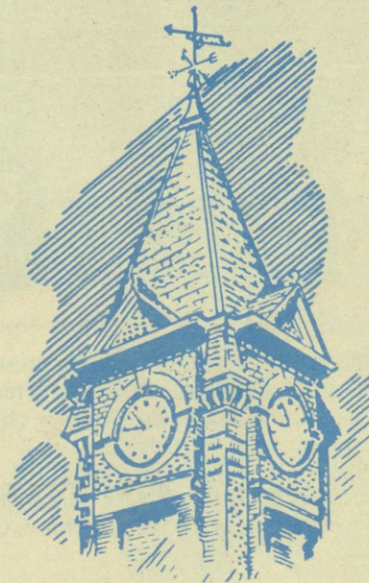
The National Science Foundation ranks Auburn 63rd nationally among public institutions in science and technology research, and *Money* magazine ranks Auburn 12th in the nation as an educational value for students. A guide to the 101 best education values has stated that Auburn is the best in the South in some of its professional programs. That is the kind of recognition that was once rare and still is for other schools in the state, but it is now common for Auburn.

With a mixture of alumni help, state aid, and university bond issues, we have been able to build a modern campus with state-of-the-art laboratories and classrooms for our students. The library, chemistry building, engineering buildings, College of Business building, and others, not to mention improvements to virtually all campus buildings, were made possible through the efforts of the entire Auburn family. State aid accounted for only about 16 percent of a \$150 million building program. Over most of the past decade, we have been improving the faculty, educational standards, and facilities so that students are prepared for the challenges that await them in today's competitive world.

But all these accomplishments and all the promise for future generations are in danger of being washed away by the total inadequacy of state support. The bottom fell out of state support for higher education last year, as it seems to do every time we get our hopes up. This time the danger of serious, possibly permanent damage is greater than at any time in the recent past. The 6.5 percent proration last year resulted in a \$7.8 million operating loss for the 1990-91 fiscal year. Most of the loss, \$6.2 million, was suffered on the main campus in the general fund, with the rest divided among AUM, the Agriculture Experiment Station, and the Cooperative Extension Service.

Governor Hunt has already announced 6 percent proration for this year, so drastic cuts are being made for the second straight year. Operating budgets have been cut by 15 percent, out-of-state travel has been eliminated, and a hiring freeze for state-funded positions has been continued. If proration increases, as it did last year, we may have to force employees to take unpaid leave, and if that is not enough, layoffs are

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What Alumni and Friends Can Do to Help

Auburn has accomplished a lot in recent years but the promise for future generations is in danger of being washed away by the inadequacy of state support.

In 1990-91, Governor Hunt announced 6.5 percent proration of state appropriations which cost AU nearly \$9 million. Now, for the '91-'92 year, proration of 6 percent has been declared. The damage from two straight years of budget reductions will be severe, and there appears to be no relief in sight.

There is a very real crisis for education in Alabama—for higher education just as surely as for K through 12. Unless funding improves, we will not be able to maintain the quality we have worked for years to achieve at Auburn.

Class sizes are going up because of a hiring freeze, and we are

becoming uncompetitive in faculty salaries. Many of our most productive faculty are being recruited by other universities, and if they leave, we will not be able to replace them in the near future. The impact will be felt immediately as research grants are lost and over the long term as students lose the chance to learn from some of the top minds in their field. Our academic reputation will suffer, but not nearly as much as the economic future of the state.

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Our 21,836 students are also feeling the impact. Tuition rose more than 8 percent this fall, and we may have to raise it another 8 to 10 percent next fall if conditions continue to deteriorate. Some students will also have to delay graduation a quarter or two because we are not able to offer the courses they need on a timely basis. We are concerned about frequent tuition increases because the Board of Trustees has maintained a posture of keeping Auburn within the reach of every Alabama student qualified to enter.

The funding cuts are also making it impossible to maintain state-of-the-art equipment and facilities in which Auburn has invested millions of dollars. If the laboratories and classrooms deteriorate, the quality of an Auburn education will also go down.

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Toomer's Corner

AU at Crossroads

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Students are also feeling the impact. Tuition went up more than 8 percent this fall, and we may have to raise it another 8 to 10 percent next fall if conditions continue to deteriorate. As a land-grant institution, Auburn has a responsibility to keep education affordable for the sons and daughters of working people; continued tuition increases could destroy the college hopes that a lot of hard-working families have for their children.

In addition to paying higher tuition this year, some students will also have to delay graduation because we are not able to offer the courses they need on a timely basis. The situation will become worse because of the hiring freeze on new faculty.

The funding cuts are also making it impossible to maintain state-of-the-art equipment and facilities in which Auburn has invested millions of dollars. If the laboratories and classrooms deteriorate, the quality of an Auburn education will go down as well.

It is going to take a grassroots movement to overcome an astonishing lack of vision by state leaders if we are to prevent disaster. We cannot keep turning to the alumni, students, and our research program to make up for the lack of commitment to adequate education by state government. At some point, state leaders have to be convinced that the future of Alabama depends on the state's quality of education, especially at research universities like Auburn.

As alumni, you can help in several ways. First of all, I would encourage you to learn all you can about the effects of proration. Talk to the faculty. Ask them about class sizes that are getting larger and scheduling problems that are getting worse. Ask about equipment they need just to keep their teaching up to date. Ask about faculty who have left or are planning to leave for greener pastures, but please don't give them any ideas along that line. If they leave, we probably won't be able to replace them.

Those of you who still live in Alabama need to think about the effect that deteriorating quality at Auburn will have on the quality of life in the state. Determine if you would be willing to make sacrifices to help save quality at Auburn. If your business or industry is benefitting from one of the tax breaks that are crippling education funding, you will need to do some soul-searching. The time is past, if it ever existed, for denial and self-delusion.

The very graduates and research that Alabama agriculture and industry will need to compete and to thrive in the global economy of the near future will



NEW BOARD MEMBERS—A new president, vice president and five new board members were elected to the board of directors of the Alumni Association during the annual Homecoming meeting on campus recently. The new officers include, seated, left to right, J. Patrick Galloway '51 of Auburn, vice president; Russell E. (Rusty) Allman '69 of Mobile, president; and Frances Holk-Moore '78 of Foley. Standing, left to right, are Earlon C. McWhorter '68 of Anniston, James H. Beckham, Jr., '78 of Birmingham, Thomas T. McCoy '52 of Orlando, Fla., and H. Haywood Parrish, Jr., '66 of Newton, Ga.

come from Auburn and schools like it. In a global economy, if the quality of instruction and research of a university like Auburn is not on a world-class level, the Alabama economy will eventually fall to a Third World level. That is not scare talk; it is harsh reality. If you think it doesn't apply to agriculture and forestry just as much as to engineering and business, then talk to the faculty in those schools.

The tax system in Alabama is so full of loopholes and special exemptions and so overly reliant on sales taxes that it cannot provide the minimum requirements for education and other necessary government services during recessions. Even in good times, the tax system has trouble meeting the basic needs of education. We are about to enter the 21st century with a tax system whose philosophy is firmly rooted in the 19th. This may not be the right time for tax reform in Alabama, but there may never be a better time; without revenue-positive tax reform, neither Auburn nor the rest of education in Alabama will be able to continue improving. It is very possible that education, including Auburn, will go backwards, taking the economy with us.

As Auburn alumni, you can help turn the situation around, especially if you live in Alabama. Throw your support behind tax reform and emergency funding efforts. Seek local support among your legislators and other elected officials. Speak to civic clubs and other groups on behalf of better funding for all of education. Local schools need help as much as Auburn does, and local educators need to know that they have allies.

Local interests need to be convinced that more money really is needed for

higher education. Those who benefit from sales tax exemptions and extremely low property taxes aren't going to favor eliminating their tax breaks. But they are hurting their communities, the state, and future generations by refusing to compromise. As Auburn alumni, you can help take the message across the state.

Even if you live outside the state, many of you have business and personal contacts in Alabama. Let them

know how Auburn is being hurt by the state's funding problems.

Whatever shape tax reform takes, it must be revenue-positive. There has been some talk that tax reform should be revenue-neutral, with some property taxes being raised and others lowered. Unless tax reform produces more revenue than education is now receiving, it won't do any good. The money simply has to come from somewhere if Alabama is to have good schools and colleges. Somehow we must overcome the perilous practice of petty politics.

Tax reform is not the whole answer. It would take at least two years to start producing revenue, and education is facing a crisis right now. Some means has to be found quickly to start producing revenue until long-term relief is available. Rep. Pete Turnham has proposed a temporary one-cent sales tax and others have suggested dropping sales tax exemptions to produce money for education. Neither alternative is attractive, neither is popular, but something must be done to save the school systems as well as Auburn University.

Auburn is not alone in trying to gain support for emergency funding and for tax reform in Alabama. We are working with other institutions to develop plans that call attention to the contributions of higher education, so that people can see why we need adequate support.

The important thing now is to show the spirit that made Auburn great and let the elected leaders of this state know that Auburn alumni will never stand by idly while the quality is stripped away from this university.

Auburn Spirit Cards Are Number One

Alumni and friends have helped make the Auburn Spirit Card Mastercard and Visa program the top such revenue-producer among the nation's universities, according to Vice President for Advancement Joseph F. Busta, Jr., '69. At the same time, they have supported a number of AU alumni and academic programs.

Auburn Spirit Mastercards and Visas are available at no annual fee for dues-paying members of the Alumni Association, or for \$12 for non-members. The interest rate is 15.5 percent, and with each use, 1 percent of all expenditures returns to support programs in the Association.

The number of cardholders grew 13 percent in the last year alone, from 13,600 to 15,412, and the goal for 1991-92 is to increase that total by another 20 percent.

Assistant Vice President for Alumni Affairs Betty DeMent '71 says that funds provided by the cards assist not only the operating budget for the

nation-wide Auburn Club program, but also provide 40 Alumni Scholarships, 15 Alumni Professorships, a \$3,000 supplement for AU's writer-in-residence, a \$1,000 stipend for the Distinguished Graduate Faculty Lecturer, two \$500 faculty awards for outstanding undergraduate teaching, and awards for Auburn's Employees of the Year and Extension Service Award winners.



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We must have additional financial support if Auburn is going to continue to play its leadership role in Alabama. In the weeks ahead, we will be working to develop an understanding and support for **revenue-positive** tax reforms. We hope you will support these efforts and work with your local county Auburn Committee or directly with opinion leaders and legislators. If you want to make contact with your local committee, you can do so by contacting your county agent, who serves as secretary in each county.

Ways You Can Help

1. Work in your area to develop interest in and support for higher education by pointing to the excellent record that Auburn University and public higher education have established in Alabama.
2. Discuss the problems caused by two years of proration and ask local opinion leaders and legislators to support **revenue-positive** tax reform. Sales tax exemptions should be reviewed as a possible way to help with the current emergency situation.
3. Discuss the fact that if financial conditions don't improve, tuition increases may eventually price many Alabama students out of a college education. We want to avoid this possibility and will raise tuition only as a last resort.
4. For many years, money for education in Alabama has been divided two-thirds for K through 12 and one-third for higher education. In discussing tax reform and more funding for education, we want to continue our support for this traditional split of revenues.

Foundation Board Elects Three, Re-elects Two

At its annual meeting on Nov. 2, the Auburn University Foundation Board of Directors elected three new directors and re-elected two others. Elected to the Board for seven-year terms were Earle C. Williams '51 of McLean, Va., Elmer B. Harris '62 of Birmingham, and W. Robbins Taylor of Montgomery. Re-elected were Charles D. Hudson '50 of LaGrange, Ga., and Morris Savage '59 of Jasper. The AU Foundation, established in 1960, is the official recipient and manager of private gifts for Auburn.

Williams is president, CEO, and director of BDM International as well as chairman and CEO of BDM Corp. His prior involvement with Auburn includes membership on the Research Advisory Council and he also serves on the Virginia State Board for Community Colleges as well as on the boards of the North Virginia Community College Educational Foundation and the Virgi-

nia Foundation for Independent Colleges. He is married to June Anson Williams '53.

Harris is president and director of Alabama Power Co. In addition to receiving a B. S. and M. S. in electrical engineering from Auburn, he holds an MBA from AUM. He was elected to the honor society Omicron Delta Kappa at Auburn in 1991 and he also serves on the Alabama 4-H Foundation. He is a former member of the Engineering Advisory Council as well as a visiting executive for the College of Business. Harris is married to Glenda Steele Harris '61. They have two children, Lera Harris King '86 and Thomas Alton Harris '89.

Taylor is chairman and president of Standard-Taylor Industries, Inc. He is a member of the AUM Advisory Board where, as chairman for the board's first 14 years, he was the driving force in efforts to purchase the AUM campus site. He also received AUM's first honorary degree and served on the Auburn Generations Fund National Campaign Committee. Taylor and his wife, Ernestine, have two sons, W. Robbins Taylor, Jr., who attended Auburn and graduated from AUM, and George Taylor.

Savage is a partner in the Jasper law firm of Bankhead and Savage. He has been a director of the AU Foundation since 1972 and served as a member of the AU Board of Trustees from 1979 to 1991. In addition,* he is a former president of the Alumni Association and served on the Generations Fund National Campaign Committee. Savage and his wife, Carol, have two children: Mary Bennett Savage Philpot '87 and Morris Wesley Savage '89.

Hudson is president and director of Hammond, Hudson, and Holder, Inc. He has served on the Foundation Board since 1988 and is a former member of the School of Nursing Advisory Council and a life member of the Alumni Association. Hudson is vice president and trustee of the Callaway Foundation, Inc., and of the Fuller E. Callaway Foundation, Inc. He is chairman of the board of trustees of LaGrange College and served as acting president in 1979-80. He is also a trustee of the Georgia Hospital Association. He and his wife, Ida Callaway Hudson, have four children: Jane Craig, Ellen Hudson, Charles D. Hudson, Jr., and Ida Callaway Hudson.

Advancement Office Videos Recognized

A series of training videotapes prepared by the Office of Advancement's Information Management Systems (IMS) Office was recently recognized by inclusion in *Currents*, the magazine of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

The videos were prepared in-house for use in training Office of Advancement employees in the use of the IBM AS-400 computer system, which houses both alumni and development records.

Give a Gift Of Auburn!



Avoid the Christmas rush this season and give a special Auburn friend or loved one a gift that will keep on giving all year long—membership in the Auburn Alumni Association! Membership has its privileges, including eight issues of the *Alumnews*, waived fees on Auburn Spirit MasterCard or Visa cards, Draughon Library privileges, and much, much more! All for only \$25 for an annual membership, or \$400 for life.

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Letters to the Editor

Athletic, Academic Priorities Confused

Dear Editor,

I have thought for years about writing this letter but have always thought someone else would. I left my home state of Alabama (growing up in Birmingham) after I graduated in December 1958. During this time, I have spent most of my career in Texas.

Through the years I have been a staunch supporter of my alma mater but for some reason I keep getting kicked in the teeth. In 1957, while I was at Auburn, we were No. 1 in the nation according to the AP Poll. The same month two schools in engineering (mechanical and electrical) lost their accreditation. We were No. 1 and could not go to a bowl game. In fact, we were on probation the whole time I was in school.

I keep getting letters asking for donations of which I'm sure most go for good causes. I read in *The Alumnews* where the school is losing millions in state funds because of cutbacks. At the same time I see once again we have been caught paying players to participate in our sports program.

While I was at Auburn, I didn't know too many rich people. I remember we used to joke about being in pauper's paradise. Going to Toomer's Corner to get a popsicle was a treat. Yet in my algebra class was a football player from New Brunswick, N.J., who drove a Cadillac convertible.

What I'm trying to say is I think we have all lost some sense of where our priorities lie. Building a huge football palace or trying to "hire" the best players in the nation is not the answer. I really feel sad about the state of affairs we have left for our children in this country. The U.S. educational system is 12th in the world today, yet so much of our available monies are spent on huge sports programs.

If the answer is that the sports programs make their own money, it's time for them to start donating some of their millions back to the school. I really don't know the answer. I know that some of the better schools in this country de-emphasize sports. I know this is not what most Auburn people want. But I do think it is time for all of us to get our heads screwed on properly as to where we want our school to go. Is being No. 1 more important than some less fortunate individual not getting an education?

Most states in this country are having hard times, and this too shall pass. But where does this leave Auburn and the state of Alabama? I hear and read the reports of where the different states rank in education. It makes me sick to

see Alabama still lagging behind. Isn't it time the alumni who are handing out money to football players adopt some young person that needs educational assistance? The money would be much better utilized.

Some people will say that all schools pay their players. Why then does Auburn always get caught? I really don't think all schools do this. I know of high-ranking educational institutions that also have good sports programs that never end up on probation. Why?

I know some people will not agree with this letter, but it sure does make me feel better for having written it after 33 years. I am an avid supporter of the football team and watch the games when shown with the Austin Auburn Club. "War Eagle" and "Orange and Blue Forever."

Charles N. Sample '58
Austin, Texas

Compliments for New Look

Dear Editor,

This is to commend "the new look" of *The Auburn Alumnews*. I really like the changes.

Many thanks—and keep up the good work.

Jim Vickrey '64
Troy, Ala.

Alums Send Their Heartfelt Thanks

Dear Editor,

Our family would like to thank everyone who helped with "Nick's New Heart" fund. We really appreciate the gifts and prayers. It was wonderful to see all the gifts from people we knew had to be Auburn alumni.

It was great to see that Auburn people from as far away as New Jersey cared about Auburn people in Georgia with a really sick child. It was overwhelming and made us proud to be members of the Auburn family.

It has been six months since Nick's heart transplant. He is growing and doing well. He has had a smooth course so far and is looking forward to a long life. The doctor thinks he will attend college and we know it will be Auburn.

Thank you again for all the wonderful financial help and caring.

Susan Plummer May '81
Andy May '82
Cartersville, Ga.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Mays' letter asking for help to cover the heart transplant expenses for their 23-month-old son Nick appeared in the April-May 1991 issue.

An Orange and Blue Idea

Dear Editor,

Number one, I certainly like your new format. You publish a great paper. Number two, I like the idea of letters to the editor. I have written on previous occasions, but there was no arrangement for letters to the editor, so they were never published.

Next, I certainly wish the Tigerettes success in their endeavor to set a record for wearing the most T-shirts of one kind at the same time. I would respectfully make another suggestion for an endeavor which they might sponsor. It would be nice to encourage those fans sitting in odd sections of Jordan-Hare Stadium to wear blue. Those sitting in even sections could wear orange. As it is, most everyone wears either something orange or something blue and if we could paint the stadium in alternating colors it would look great on television when they pan the people in the stadium. Only a suggestion.

I love Auburn and look forward to retiring there sometime in the not too distant future. Thanks for printing this suggestion.

B.H. Johnson, Jr., M.D., '36
Bessemer

Meeting Challenges Of the Nineties

Dear Editor,

I was particularly pleased to read the article by Dean Walker in the September issue of *The Alumnews*, "The Challenges of the '90s." Two of my children recently graduated from Auburn, and during the period they were in school I had an opportunity to become reacquainted with the university.

A personal opinion: the undergraduate program, in general, leaves much to be desired. A common complaint of students and parents was displeasure with the quality of teaching, primarily the "uninspired" teaching staff and communication problems with instructors who had a limited grasp of the English language and a different cultural background.

Equally distressing to me was the focus on "publish or perish" by the administration. As Dr. Walker explained, in the last several decades

the professional emphasis at university level has shifted from teaching to research. Auburn has followed this same path, with particular emphasis since Dr. Martin assumed the presidency. Those on the Auburn faculty who did not support this position could expect to be hit in the pocketbook, if not in the seat of the pants with a boot out the door. I was told by members of the faculty about several outstanding instructors, from a cross section of the university, who departed the plains because they were not permitted to concentrate on teaching.

Unquestionably, the efforts of Dr. Martin to promote research elevated the prestige of Auburn, a big plus for the administration and alumni, and generated revenue. However, I've always believed that Auburn's primary obligation is to educate the citizens of Alabama who, through taxes and tuition, provide the overwhelming financial support for the university. The current emphasis on research at the expense of instruction borders on fraudulent use of these dollars.

As an engineer, I'm certainly appreciative of the need for research. But I have a greater concern with the quality of education dispensed from an institution of higher learning. And this depends on an appropriate and motivated teaching staff. Within the great minds at Auburn, surely a program can be devised that provides for equal attraction and encouragement for those who excel in educating and motivating young minds as those who devote their time to expanding knowledge. Georgia Tech may have the answer.

Dr. Walker is to be commended for expressing his opinion on this subject. In the very near past this would have been heresy and may have had Auburn looking for a new Dean of Engineering. But his insight into the ills of American education is accurate. The universities, including Auburn, are not inspiring young minds to learn to the extent expected of institutions of higher learning. Neither are they turning out graduates who are equipped to prepare new generations of students for professions, future teachers who have a solid grasp of their subject matter and knowledge of ways and techniques for motivating students to learn.

This is not to contend that all the ills of American education can be blamed on the universities, except to the extent that the philosophy that has inundated the lower educational process that equality is more important than quality had its origins at these higher learning centers.

This is not to mean equality of opportunity, for that is a right and not a privilege. This criticism is directed at

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The Editor's Column—

The Real Threat

By Mike Jernigan '80

The "p" word.

It's something that is constantly in our thoughts lately here at Auburn. It's something that we constantly live with, constantly apologize for, and constantly strive to overcome.

It's currently the most severe crisis facing Auburn—by far—in a year of crises. It's something that every alumnus and friend should be concerned about. And it's something that, if not faced squarely and with unflinchable resolve, could eventually mean the death penalty for Auburn's progress.

The "p" word in question is proration.

Surprised? You shouldn't be. Though other, more transitory, issues involving Auburn are currently grabbing the front pages, proration is the real threat we are facing.

Writing about it doesn't sell newspapers. It's not the subject of choice on call-in talk shows or around the office water cooler. In fact, most people are only vaguely aware of it. But make no mistake. Auburn has never faced a more insidious foe.

It's a threat to all of us who are Auburn graduates, live in Alabama, or are concerned with the future of this state and region. For, if the habitual lack of proper funding for Auburn continues, then the progress of the last decade will be undermined and the university's hard-won academic reputation will be tarnished, along with its degrees.

It's a threat to Angie Wilder, an Auburn senior majoring in art who will graduate two quarters late because faculty shortages have led to the cancellation or postponement of classes she needs to finish her degree, or Todd Foltz, a junior in public relations-communications who has pre-registered four consecutive times for two classes in his major and hasn't gotten one yet. They are not alone. Almost a third of Auburn students who pre-registered for fall quarter couldn't get at least one class.

It's a threat to faculty members, staff, and administrators across campus whose salaries are already below regional averages and who are enduring their second consecutive year without even cost of living salary increases. Many of the best and brightest of this group are being forced to look with growing favor on more lucrative offers elsewhere, despite their loyalty to and investment in Auburn.

And, finally, it's a threat to parents with children here now, parents of future students, and students working to put themselves through school. Though Auburn has struggled to keep costs low without sacrificing quality, and has been recognized by numerous national publications for successfully doing so, someone must pay the bills. If the state doesn't do its share, then some of the burden must be made up through tuition. Reluctantly, the trustees and administration are already studying the possibil-

ity of another tuition increase next fall, hot on the heels of this year's substantial jump.

Still, there are those who say that such talk is alarmist, that education in this state has all the money it needs and is equal to that elsewhere. But the statistics say otherwise. The statistics say Alabama is among the nation's leaders only in teen pregnancies, illiteracy, and high school dropout rates. In most categories of education expenditures, Alabama is at the other end of the spectrum.

Despite proration in four of the last seven years and a level of state support which—even in the best of times—is far less than that given to the majority of other institutions in this state, Auburn has flourished and prospered in the past decade thanks to private support, research and grants, and careful planning.

This progress can't continue, however, without stable and sufficient state support. Indeed, given the cancellation of classes, the inability to replace or hire faculty members, and myriad other problems brought on by the present level of funding, Auburn is already struggling to maintain its current quality.

But unlike some of the more publicized problems facing Auburn where the ultimate outcome is beyond most of our control, proration is one you can do something about. On page one of this issue is a list of ways you can help. Get involved in the fight for revenue-positive tax reform. Call your legislator. And if you live in Alabama, spread the word about the education crisis facing this state throughout your community.

In times of adversity, outsiders have often noted that Auburn people stick together and

rally around their university with a fierce determination. This is one of those times. As alumni and friends, we must concentrate on the real threats to Auburn and not be distracted or divided by those that are more sensational, but less substantial.

For proration—with all its negative implications—is something that threatens us all.

A Day to Celebrate—Even though Friday, Nov. 8, was a gray, rainy day on the plains, nothing could dampen the spirits of the many Auburn faculty, staff, alumni, and friends who gathered for the dedication of the new Ralph Brown Draughton Library addition.

On hand as the keynote speaker for the event was Nicholas Barker, head of the Special Materials, Humanities, and Social Sciences Division of The British Library. Others making remarks included President James E. Martin '54; Michael McCartney '57, president pro tempore of the AU Board of Trustees; J. Gilmer Blackburn '50, president of the AU Foundation; Athletic Director Pat Dye; Eugene J. Clothiaux, president of the University Senate; and SGA President Jon G. Waggoner. Following the speeches, a special reception at the Alumni Center capped the day's events.

If you haven't yet visited the spacious new AU Library, make sure to drop by during your next campus visit. It's a far cry from the dark, cramped facility most of us knew, and one of the most dramatic, visible signs of Auburn's continuing evolution as a regional and national university. **AA**



BUSINESS AWARDS—Four business faculty members recently received awards sponsored by Kraft Foods. Left to right are: James Barth, Lowder Eminent Scholar in finance; Lorraine Gardiner, assistant professor of management; Dean Danny Bellenger; Steven Caudill, associate professor of economics; and Sharon Oswald '76, assistant professor of management.

Keys to Global Competition

By Danny N. Bellenger
Dean, College of Business

Our world economy is rapidly evolving into three major trading blocks: Europe (led by Germany), the Pacific rim (led by Japan), and North America (led by the United States). World prosperity and economic well-being in the future will be shaped by the relative success of these blocks.

While the U.S. is no longer a closed economic system, it has been slow to respond to foreign competition; yet, our economic future will be largely determined by our ability to meet global market competition. Japan, especially, is gaining strength in technology as well as becoming a leader in innovation. The U.S. must either develop strategies to deal with this global competition or become satisfied with second class status on the world economic stage.

In order to develop effective strategies, we need to understand the nature of the Japanese approach. One of the leading authorities in this area is Dr. William R. Boulton, Olan Mills Professor of Strategic Management in our Department of Management at Auburn. I would like to take this opportunity to share some of Bill's thoughts on the Japanese approach to innovation and to suggest what is needed to successfully respond to this challenge.

Japan has a natural resource shortage which has required an emphasis on import/export trade. Transforming raw materials into finished goods through manufacturing is their key to adding economic value. As a result, Japan has become a leader in manufacturing technology. The Japanese approach has a number of facets:

Group Structure: Growing out of World War II, Japanese business is organized into groups that are typically centered around major manufacturing firms. The groups include banks, insurance companies, real estate firms, transportation firms, and trading companies. Each group member concentrates on specific industries or technologies, which enables specialization and efficiency not realized by most U.S. conglomerates. Today, there are seven major groups with annual sales averaging approximately \$450 billion.

Government Assistance: Through the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) and the Ministry of Finance, the Japanese government provides incentives and assistance for business groups to aggressively enter new business opportunities. MITI follows an industrial targeting strategy which encourages business groups to become world leaders in specific technologies.

Two examples illustrate this point. In 1954, MITI targeted the automobile industry for development. While the first cars sent to the U.S. in 1956 were laughed at, by 1959, MITI had research completed in every problem area. By 1962, Mazda produced its first four-wheeled car and by 1970, Mazda had become the U.S.'s fourth largest importer. Japan is now the most feared competitor in the automobile industry.

In 1968, the Japanese saw their first robots at an exposition in Japan. With MITI's lead, by 1970 they were in production and by 1984 they had 64 percent of all robots in the world.

Government assistance in industry targeting is the norm in Japan.

The Technology Strategy: How does MITI accomplish its targeting strategies? Primarily through subsidies and focused research laboratories. MITI, through the Agency for Industrial Science and Technology, has 16 research laboratories with 100 to 500 researchers each. Their mission is to obtain and develop world-class technology in targeted areas. New applications are then encouraged via large-scale research projects which bring companies together to develop new prototypes.

The participating companies gain tremendous application know-how in the process. Their projects range from electric cars to laser welding. MITI has moved further with this technology strategy by creating 26 regional innovation centers. These research centers include a university, industrial parks, an airport, and a billion-dollar commitment.

To encourage entrepreneurs, MITI has established venture capital programs and incentives to start new high tech business. The bottom line is that the Japanese government bears much of the research and development risk for new technologies. Businesses are then given the technology and provided with incentives to bear the market risk. It should be noted that the U.S. is still the world leader in scientific research, but many of our advances do not yield economic advantages for American businesses. Too often it is obtained and developed by foreign competitors.

Business Strategies: Upon receiving a new targeted technology for a high growth application, the typical business strategy is to enter at the low end of the market to stimulate primary market demand and build market share. This market penetration strategy may not maximize short term profit, but Japanese businesses take a long run view of success. It also allows them to play to their strength in manufacturing efficiency.

As the market matures, Japanese companies improve their products and move to the middle and upper segments. Honda's entry with the Civic and move to the Accura is a good example. This approach is based on the Deming principle of continuous improvement. Work groups are trained and trusted to come up with improvements. These improvements are driven by customer needs.

QCDM, which stands for improving *Quality*, improving *Cost* or product value, improving manufacturing *Design* methods, and *Market* competitively, has become the basic driving philosophy of Japanese business. This philosophy has produced such concepts as quality circles, total quality management, and just-in-time inventory systems.

U.S. Response

Japanese strategies have enabled them to become a very effective global competitor. If the U.S. expects to meet this competition, we

must develop long-term solutions. Two factors appear to be the key to our future success:

First, the U.S. government must become more supportive of industry via tax incentives for R&D investments and by providing more effective means of technology transfer from government laboratories. Direct government involvement on the Japanese model is probably not desirable, but we must find a way to identify future technologies and provide support for their development and use.

Our government's philosophy toward business was developed at a time when foreign competition was limited. Restrictions were designed to protect consumers from the potential negative impact of monopolies. Such restrictions do not fit the new rules of the game in which our key competitors are foreign. One can ask, "Is it fair for Japan's government to support industry in ways that are prohibited in the U.S.?" and "Why don't we make them stop?" The answer is simple. We no longer make the rules.

Our choices are to design a system that encourages effective global competition by U.S. firms or lose significant economic advantage. But if Japan won't play by our rules, why not restrict access to our markets with import quotas and tariffs? This may look attractive but the long run impact would hurt U.S. consumers in terms of prices and choice; it would cost U.S. firms valuable markets; and it would mean jobs lost to our work force. We need to compete—not withdraw!

Second, companies must adapt to continuous improvement philosophies. They must become team-oriented, train their employees, and trust them to help the firm compete. Investing in life-long training and learning to build a strong work force is well worth the cost. People must be recognized and accepted as the key asset of any organization. More flexible and responsive organizations made possible by training and trust are essential to success in today's fast-paced global market.

Much of this runs contrary to the basic American culture that values individualism and credentials while promoting short-term success and self-gratification. Today's global competition requires team effort, a focus on lifetime learning, and a long-term commitment to corporate success by meeting market needs. **AA**

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Allman Takes Over As National Alumni Association Head

Editor's Note: After serving one year as the Alumni Association's first vice president, Russell (Rusty) E. Allman '69 was elected to the president's post at the annual Homecoming meeting. In the following interview, he shares his thoughts about Auburn and the Association with *The Alumnews*.

1.) Tell us about your family and its Auburn ties.

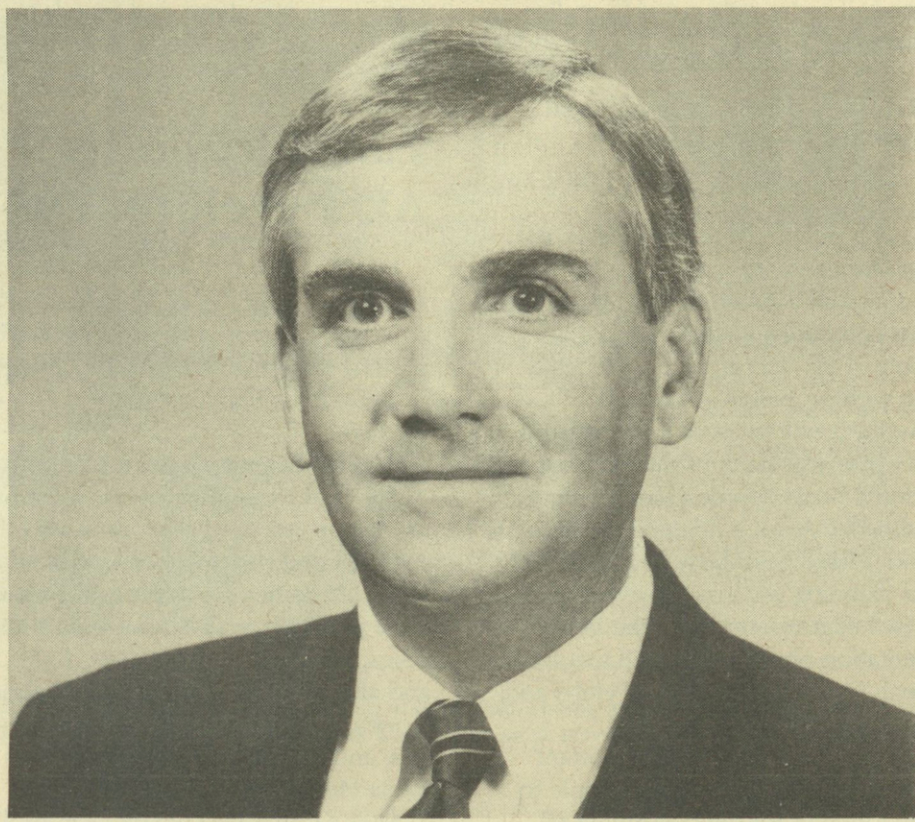
I was born in Mobile and have one sister. I graduated from Murphy High School in 1965. I graduated from Auburn in 1969, and was employed by Merchants National Bank in Mobile (now First Alabama Bank). In 1975, I married the former Mary Fogarty, daughter of Bernard and Mary Fogarty of Mobile, and we have a 10-year-old son, Russ, who attends St. Luke's Episcopal School in Mobile.

I am the only one on both sides of my family to have been fortunate enough to have attended Auburn. The positive influence that Auburn has since had on me has now permeated both families and I have utilized every opportunity to "plant the seed" for others within my family to experience this great university.

2.) How did you choose Auburn and what do you remember most about your time here?

After visiting the campuses of several colleges, there was an obvious feeling of friendliness and belonging at Auburn that wasn't noticeable anywhere else. I immediately sensed that student priorities weren't new cars, designer clothes, or glitz. There seemed to exist a warmth on campus and in downtown Auburn that made me want to become a part of the small-town family tradition that I had heard so many older people talk about.

My four years at Auburn went a long way in further molding values and aspirations which had been instilled by my parents. During my campus days here, there were no fancy hotels, shopping malls or franchise restaurants. Life centered simply around campus life and this great little town. "Booking it" was very important, but party life was great and generously provided by all fraternities and SGA socials. The most memorable local attractions were the War Eagle Supper Club, The Kopper Kettle, Archie's BBQ, and Chewacla State Park. I was an active member of Sigma Chi fraternity, which greatly assisted me in establishing academic priorities and



ALUMNI PRESIDENT—New national Alumni Association president Russell (Rusty) E. Allman '69 of Mobile says he is looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead. He served a one-year term as the Association's first vice president before being elected to his new post.

making available friendships that I shall treasure forever.

3.) What were your feelings on being elected Alumni Association president and why did you accept the post?

I am deeply indebted to the Alumni Board for the level of confidence they have shown in me. I am in awe of the fine Auburn men who have preceded me in this position. Vintage Auburn men such as past presidents Ruel Russell, Batey Gresham, Bob Word, Ken Lott, and so many others, have made indelible impressions on this great Alumni Association and university. It is indeed an honor in every sense of the word and I will endeavor to lead this talented and committed board in directions for the betterment of the Auburn family.

After serving several years on the Alumni Board and one year as vice president, I have learned a great deal about the important role the Alumni Association plays as the binding force for all components of the Auburn family, both past and present. During this short tenure of service, I have seen the university and the Alumni Association prosper in many ways, yet suffer through a number of growing pains. These experiences have prepared me for further service, and I am deeply indebted to my family and to Stan Mackin, CEO of First Alabama Bank, for providing the encouragement and level of support required for me to continue serving Auburn in this capacity.

4.) Do you feel your time as vice president helped to better prepare you for the presidency?

My service as vice president was a meaningful culmination of two years of service on the board of directors and an appropriate entree to preparing for presidential responsibilities. My main responsibility has been the creation of a five-year strategic plan for the Alumni Association and to assist past president Ruel Russell in carrying out his many responsibilities. Dr. Joe Busta, Betty DeMent, and a dedicated committee made long-range planning a gratifying experience. Ruel Russell and I have had a very meaningful working relationship which allowed me to learn, grow, and benefit from his invaluable contacts. Ruel has been a real asset to the Alumni Association and I have enjoyed serving as his vice president.

5.) What do you think are the biggest problems facing Auburn University right now?

Much has been written recently about the problems now facing Auburn University. While some of these challenges are genuine and now seem insurmountable, let us not forget what a proven tradition this university has established at successfully dealing with adversity. Auburn is such a special place to all of us that it's often easy to forget that our great university is, by necessity, a microcosm of our society in general. It will always have to face problems caused by external

forces beyond our control, i.e., funding, governmental regulations, media criticism, etc. One great attribute of this university is our resiliency and ability to join hands and circle the wagons when the Auburn family encounters difficulty. This university has achieved acclaim through dedicated and loving Auburn people pulling together in the same direction to achieve dreams and handle adversity.

6.) What do you feel is the mission of Auburn University?

This mission is eloquently written and clearly stated by our forefathers in numerous university publications. In my terms, our goal is to utilize the many resources uniquely inherent at Auburn to provide the university's most valuable asset, our student, with a quality educational experience while endearing them with a perpetual bond to this great university. The mission of our university has been successfully met for decades, not only because of the knowledge imparted in a wholesome learning environment, but because of a transformation which occurs daily as our students experience all phases of campus life at Auburn.

7.) What is the mission of the Alumni Association?

The Alumni Association has the monumental responsibility of providing an organization through which alumni and friends of Auburn can become involved in the growth and progress of the university. The scope of this responsibility is limitless and necessitates the Alumni Association staff being involved constantly in all areas of university life.

The Alumni Association is also committed to continue meeting many of the ever-changing fiscal needs of the university. As state funding dedicated to higher education continues to be compromised, the Association will be called on to develop even higher levels of private support to make up these deficiencies.

I am also hopeful the Association can become even more actively involved in campus life. I like to perceive our on-campus students as "alumni in residence," and it would seem mutually beneficial if a meaningful rapport could be established with them now rather than after they leave Auburn.



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Lastly, and very importantly, the Alumni Association is a critical communication and record maintenance link between our alumni and the university. *The Alumnews* is a real asset to the Alumni Association as it informs the off-campus Auburn family of current events on campus, information on programs to encourage interest in all areas of campus life, and biographical and human interest information about our association members in all areas of the world.

8.) What is the role of the Alumni Board?

The Alumni Board has a vital role in monitoring the effectiveness of the Association's functions while at the same time serving as the policy-making body for thousands of people who dearly love Auburn University and all it represents. I like to think of the board and its officers as the eyes and ears of the Alumni Association. One of its main responsibilities is representing the wishes and concerns of our 130,000-plus alums in all areas of our country. The board's members have always taken this responsibility seriously and they make a number of personal sacrifices and resource commitments for the betterment of Auburn University and the Alumni Association.

9.) What is the role of the National Alumni Association president?

I have always believed that anyone can be an effective leader if one has the desire to excel and a genuine commitment to work. I have been fortunate to have surrounded myself with a great group of Auburn people who have a long-standing and distinguished commitment to making Auburn University the very best it can be. Through this pronounced desire to perpetuate greatness at Auburn, I genuinely feel that our Association is destined for bright horizons.

I cannot say enough good things about the Alumni Association staff. I've never worked with a family of people with a more committed or dedicated work ethic. Their synchronized efforts are recognized by all areas of the university and an unbelievable amount of behind-the-scenes work is involved in every alumni program and activity.

10.) How do you view the relationship between the alumni and development functions of the Office of Advancement?

It would be difficult to underestimate the importance of properly coordinating those two areas within the Alumni Association. They seem so interrelated that I don't believe it would be prudent to separate these complimentary functions. While I realize a number of our private supporters aren't alums, they learned to love and support this university as a result of believing in what all Auburn

people stand for. Good Auburn people have and always will be the catalyst behind this university, and both functions must operate at peak efficiency if we're ever going to realize our true potential.

11.) Do you have any personal goals for your presidency?

I couldn't begin to relate all of the ambitious dreams I have experienced as I looked forward to this honor. Current conditions have dictated that some of my energy be directed at dealing with problems at hand. But emphasis will soon be concentrated on achieving many of the exciting priority items denoted in the recently published Alumni Association Strategic Plan. I have been heavily involved in the planning process for several years. Now I eagerly anticipate the implementation phase which will involve much interaction with local clubs and many excited alums.

I can't think of a more important time than now for Auburn people to pull together for the betterment of Auburn. I feel confident that our

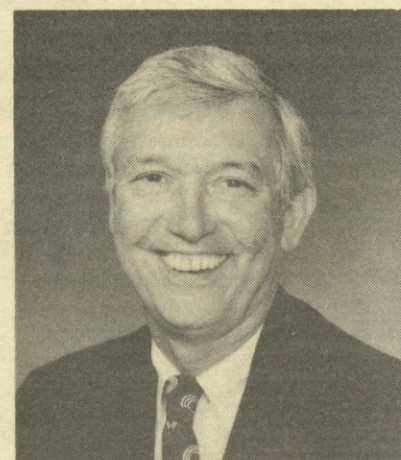
Alumni Association can provide the leadership the Auburn family deserves and I can't overemphasize the importance of effective communication. I encourage our alums and friends to talk to us and let us know how we're doing.

Lankford Joins AU Development

John Lankford '63 has joined the staff of the Office of Advancement as associate director of development with specific responsibilities in the Colleges of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine.

Lankford comes to Auburn from Los Altos, Calif., where he spent two years as vice president of operations and research and development at Chemtrak, Inc. Earlier, he held several executive positions with Monoclonal Antibodies, Inc., in Mountain View, Calif., and also worked with Travenol Laboratories, SmithKline Clinical Laboratories, and the University of South Alabama Medical Center.

After earning his bachelor's in biology and master's in physiology at AU,



John Lankford

Lankford earned a Ph.D. in molecular biology from the University of Alabama-Birmingham. He also did post-doctoral work with Medical Laboratory Associates in Birmingham.

In his new position in the Office of Advancement, Lankford will be responsible for implementing and overseeing all development programs for the Colleges of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine at AU.

Chart a New Course

... with the Alumni Association's War Eagle Travelers Program! Map out plans now to go on one of our six deluxe vacation trips or one of our new mini-tours. Don't get left behind!

December 10-21, 1991 Hawaiian Seascapes

Depart Ensenada, Mexico, bound for the beautiful—and warm—Hawaiian Islands aboard a luxurious Cunard liner. Stops include Hilo, Honolulu, Nawiliwili, Kahula/Lahaina, and Kona, on the islands of Hawaii, Oahu, Kauai, and Maui. Then return via air from Honolulu in plenty of time for Christmas at home!

February 26-March 1, 1992 Vail Ski Trip (Mini-Tour)

Enjoy a brief winter change of pace on the slopes of Vail, Colorado, one of America's premier ski resorts.

March 17-27, 1992 Discover the Caribbean

Discover the Caribbean—Holland America style—aboard the luxurious *MS Noordam*. Depart Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for ports of call including Curacao, Caracas, Venezuela, Grenada, Martinique, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Bahamas.

May 11-20, 1992 Highlands Golf Trip (Mini-Tour)

Head for the highlands of Scotland to tee off in the birthplace of the game of golf. Tee off at historic courses at

Glasgow, St. Andrews, and Edinburg, then stay on for an optional visit to London.

May 23-June 8, 1992 China/Yangtze River

Depart Los Angeles for an unrivaled Orient adventure. Stops include Tokyo, Japan, Beijing, Xian, Chongqing, Wuhan, and Shanghai, in China, and Hong Kong. Also included is a four-night cruise along the historic Yangtze River aboard the *MS Goddess*.

June 29-July 13, 1992 America's National Parks

For those who prefer traveling closer to home, this trip offers a chance to see some of America's scenic natural wonders. Visits include Yellowstone, Old Faithful, the Grand Tetons, Arches National Park, the Colorado River, Monument Valley, the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, and Zion National Park, as well as Salt Lake City and Las Vegas.

July 18-August 1, 1992 Midnight Sun Express/ Alaska Passage

See the grandeur of America's last true wilderness on a rail/cruise tour of Alaska. Fly into Fairbanks and board the famous Midnight Sun Express for a

rail journey to Anchorage, and then Whittier, where the trip continues on the *MV Pacific Princess*. Ports of call include Skagway, Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan, and Vancouver, Canada.

August 7-20, 1992 Soviet Union

See the changes sweeping the Soviet Union for yourself! Cruise the Oka River from Moscow to Gorky aboard the *MS Sergei Esenin*, with stops in the ancient cities of Kolomna, Ryazan, Kasimov, and Murom. Then it's on to beautiful Leningrad, and finally off to Germany for a final stop in Berlin.

August 26-30 Cayman Islands Dive Trip (Mini-Tour)

A trip for both divers and non-divers alike! Dive the beautiful Caribbean around the Grand Caymans. Options included for veteran divers, novices, and non-divers.

November 5-8, 1992 New York Shopping and Theatre Trip (Mini-Tour)

Do some early Christmas shopping in the unparalleled boutiques and shops of New York City, then spend your evenings on Broadway.

Club Connection

Six Clubs Receive Charters During Homecoming

Six Auburn Clubs received their club charters at Homecoming 1991. Auburn Alumni Association President Ruel Russell presented the following clubs their charters:

Barbour County
Southern California (Los Angeles)
Rocky Mountain (Denver, Colo.)
Fla. West Coast (Sarasota/Bradenton)
Palmetto (Greenville/Spartanburg, S.C.)
Tidewater (Norfolk, Va.)

Chartered Auburn Clubs are organized to work cooperatively with the Auburn Alumni Association to support academic and athletic programs at Auburn University. We congratulate these clubs for their accomplishments.

The newest Auburn Club is located in Richmond, Va., and brings the network to 114 active clubs throughout the continental United States.

ALABAMA

The *Auburn Club of Autauga County* hosted a "Beat Bama" pep rally. Special guests included the Auburn cheerleaders. For more information about Auburn Club activities in Autauga County, contact Scott Taylor, (205) 361-1971.

The *Calhoun-Cleburne Counties Auburn Club* held a fall football pep rally. Club members welcomed the Auburn cheerleaders, Aubie, and Tiger, War Eagle VI. The meeting drew a record crowd of more than 170. Shad Williams, club president, (205) 237-1294, may be contacted for additional information.

The first-ever local Auburn Alumni Band marched at the *Dale County Auburn Club's* "Beat Bama" pep party. The party also featured the Auburn cheerleaders and Aubie. In addition, the club hosted a sold-out scholarship golf tournament at a local country club to benefit the club scholarship fund. For information regarding membership and upcoming events, contact Larry Pittman, (205) 774-8183.

The *Jefferson County Auburn Club* held its annual "Beat Bama" party the evening before the Iron Bowl. Proceeds from this event go to the club's scholarship fund. The Jefferson County Club will also host a "Senior Watch Banquet" Dec. 17 at the Civic Center. This banquet honors seniors involved with the football program. For information regarding the banquet, please call Lyn Seales, (205) 979-0047.



CLUBBING IT—Anthony D. Plemons '79 and his wife, Sherry, joined a large crowd of Auburn supporters who gathered to listen to Coach Dye at a recent Montgomery club meeting.
—Photo by Mike Jernigan

The *Montgomery Auburn Club* hosted a bus trip to the Auburn-Georgia football contest in Athens. New club president Sid Coleman, (205) 271-1989, may be reached for more information.

Byron Franklin, an Office of Advancement staff member and former AU and professional football player, attended the fall banquet of the *St. Clair County Auburn Club*. Interested persons should call Billy Mac Sanders, club president, (205) 884-2869.

The *Wiregrass (Houston and Geneva) Counties Auburn Club* recently co-hosted the Fourth Annual Great Auburn-Alabama 5K Road Race. This is a joint effort with an Alabama alumni group to raise money for each group's scholarship fund. Club president Charles Waid, (205) 792-2363, has additional information.

CALIFORNIA

The *Northern California Auburn Club*, based in the San Francisco/San Jose area, joined with area alumni from Florida and Georgia this fall to watch Auburn play each school. For information regarding additional club activities, call Ann B. Rundquist, (408) 978-6701.

In the Los Angeles area, the *Southern California Auburn Club* has gotten together to watch Auburn football each time the team plays on television. Club officers are working hard to plan future activities. Contact Clay Turner, (818) 785-4834, to volunteer.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The *Metro Washington, D.C., Auburn Club* hosted a reception honoring AU President James E. Martin

and Vice President for Advancement Joseph F. Busta, Jr. For information regarding future club activities, contact Debbie Byrd, (703) 820-6570.

FLORIDA

The *Tampa Bay Auburn Club's* annual shrimp boil featured "the voice of the Auburn Tigers," Jim Fyffe. At this meeting club members also worked on the club scholarship and volunteered to assist with a local community service project with other SEC schools. Call club president Kim Clarke at (813) 933-5612 for membership information.

The *West Florida Auburn Club's* fall banquet was attended by Dr. J. Ford Laumer, who addressed the excellence of the academic achievements and standards at Auburn. For additional club information, call Jack Lowrey, (904) 432-4563.

GEORGIA

The *Atlanta Auburn Club* hosted a "Burn the Bulldogs" pep rally prior to the Auburn-Georgia game. For information about the club, contact Algie Allen, (404) 998-6917.

LOUISIANA

The *Baton Rouge Auburn Club* worked together to design a club T-shirt. The Cajun-style T-shirt will be available for all alumni and friends in the area. Contact Barbara Bieker at (504) 753-5040.

MISSISSIPPI

The Auburn Club in *Northeast Mississippi (Tupelo)* held a meeting prior to the Auburn-Mississippi State foot-

ball game. The meeting featured comments from John Lewandowski, associate sports information director; Harvey Glance, AU track coach; and an appearance by the Auburn cheerleaders. John C. Hall was elected president and may be reached for additional information at (601) 841-1370.

MISSOURI

The *St. Louis Auburn Club* organized a bus trip for the Auburn-Vandy game in Nashville. The club has several events annually. Contact Bill Sullivan, (314) 872-7010, for additional information.

TENNESSEE

The *Smoky Mountain Auburn Club* in Knoxville hosted a "Crush the Big Orange" pep rally and dance prior to the Auburn-Tennessee football contest. Memorabilia and door prizes were distributed, and the AU cheerleaders and Aubie made an appearance. For details regarding future events, contact Jim Colley, (615) 690-4846.

TEXAS

The *Austin Area Auburn Club* co-hosted a "Beat Texas" pep rally with the Auburn Alumni Association. For more information, contact Randall Jackson, (512) 266-1103.

The *Lone Star Auburn Club*, located in San Antonio, has had a busy fall with Auburn football television parties. Interested Auburn friends and alumni should contact Buddie Cooper, (512) 656-3426.

VIRGINIA

The newest club in the Auburn Club Network is located in the *Richmond, Va.*, area. Club officers recently met with Assistant Vice President for Alumni Affairs Betty M. DeMent to organize their efforts. The club met to enjoy a television party during the Auburn-Alabama game. For information regarding membership contact Bob Kloeti, (804) 320-5247.

CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

The Auburn University Senate recently commended the Auburn Alumni Association and the Auburn Club Network for their support of academic excellence. Club scholarships play a vital role in maintaining a high academic standard.

For information regarding the establishment of a scholarship for your club, contact the Alumni Affairs office at (205) 844-1148.

BACK TO THE FUTURE



National Space Council, in May. It outlines four different scenarios for the nation's path back into space, all built around manned missions returning to the moon by 2006 and then on to Mars no later than 2016.

Purvis, an analyst and researcher specializing in orbital mechanics, mission analysis, and nuclear

By Mike Jernigan '80

"For the new century—back to the moon. Back to the future. And this time, back to stay. And then, a journey into tomorrow...a journey to another planet...a manned mission to Mars."

—President George Bush

James W. Purvis '72 is no astronaut, but he's on a space mission just the same.

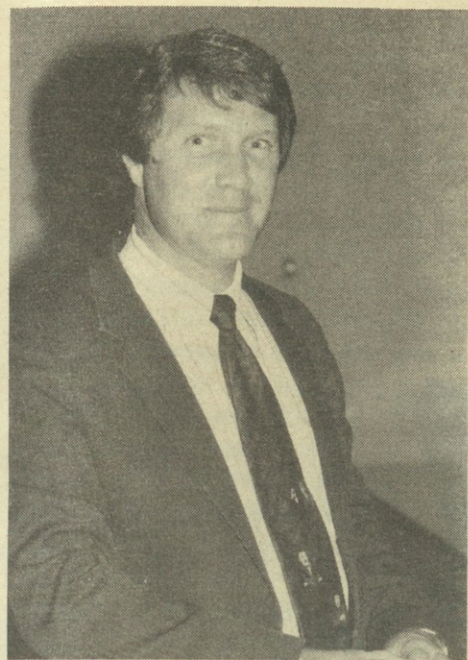
The youngish-looking scientist, who earned both his master's and Ph.D. in aerospace engineering at Auburn in addition to his undergraduate degree, is a technical advisor to the Synthesis Group, an interdisciplinary team of experts in the military, NASA, research, industry, government, and academe, charged by President George Bush to chart a plan for the nation's future in space. In that role, Purvis' mission is to help overcome the daunting technical obstacles to deep space exploration as well as the objections posed by those who feel America's future priorities remain closer to home.

The team's report, *America on the Threshold: The Space Exploration Initiative*, was submitted to Vice President Dan Quayle, chairman of the

nuclear propulsion with the Department of Energy's Sandia National Laboratories who makes his home in Albuquerque, N.M., was back on campus recently, warming up his audience with a few Alabama engineer jokes before enthusiastically outlining the report's goals and the reasoning behind them to an equally enthusiastic crowd of student engineers. As one of two Sandia representatives to the Synthesis Group, he ended up flying to Washington almost weekly before moving into a hotel there during the final three months of the report's preparation.

He credits his selection as an advisor to the Group primarily to experience gained during three years' work arguing the pros and cons of technical issues with the Strategic Defense Initiative Office (SDIO), as well as the practical background he gained on the plains.

"When I was at Auburn, we learned the basics, with the idea that everything else would take care of itself," he says. "A lot of the opponents I ran into while working with the SDIO graduated from college during the computer era, so they knew how to program equations, but they didn't always know what the equations meant. Based on the background I got at Auburn, I could take the back of an envelope, do some scribbling and calculations, and refute



We could pay for the program with entirely new money at a cost of 75 cents per week for every American. That's the cost of a Coca-Cola out of a machine.

some of their arguments technically. And they wouldn't have time to go back and write a new computer program to prove me right or wrong. By then, new issues would be on the table."

The main issue on the table these days for Purvis is the Space Exploration Initiative. The Synthesis Group, under the leadership of retired Air Force Lt. Gen. and former astronaut Thomas P. Stafford, spent months preparing their 114-page, extensively researched and documented report. Now, with the report completed, Purvis is starting the second stage of his mission—helping to sell the admittedly ambitious plan to the public.

"We're going to start at the blue planet, Earth; go on to the white one, the moon; and then to the red one, Mars," he tells the students, cracking a hint of a smile. "It's obviously the only patriotic thing to do."

It's also not quite that simple. The four scenarios proposed by the Synthesis Group encompass a wide variety of choices, including a "fast and dirty" approach, using the moon only as a waypoint to get to Mars as quickly as possible; a version emphasizing the moon and Mars equally and stressing methodical scientific exploration of each; an option advocating permanent colonization of the Moon, combined with Mars exploration; and a final version proposing to develop the moon's resources for use in Mars missions.

"In view of the many political considerations involved," Purvis says, "we tried to include as many options as possible. I think we just about have something for everyone."

But in addition to overcoming political hurdles, any one of the scenarios selected will also require dealing with a number of technical obstacles. Those identified in the report include redeveloping America's heavy-lift capability, perfecting a practical nuclear thermal propulsion system and nuclear-generated electric power systems, and overcoming a host of life support and long-duration space flight problems such as radiation shielding, long-term liquid hydrogen fuel storage, zero-

gravity countermeasures, and psychological and physical effects.

Of these problems, redeveloping heavy lift capability and developing nuclear thermal propulsion are the most pressing. America has possessed and shelved both technologies in the past.

"The U.S. nuclear rocket program ended because Lyndon Johnson needed money for the Vietnam War," Purvis notes. "But the research facilities are still out in the Nevada desert, and they look as if they were just abandoned yesterday. That's probably somewhere on the order of a billion-dollar facility sitting out there waiting to be used. We could pick up where we left off tomorrow."

"As for heavy lift capability," he continues, adding that he co-oped in Huntsville on the Saturn V program while at Auburn, "we put six landers on the moon with Saturn V rocket technology that's 30 years old, and we could assemble two or three Saturn V launchers now with parts that are in museums and storage. Many of the people who worked to develop both technologies are still around, but they won't be around if we wait much longer to get started. And a lot of the documentation we would have on projects like these today doesn't exist, and never existed. It's all in their heads."

Though he emphasizes that heavy lift launchers and nuclear propulsion are the most critical factors to success, Purvis is also quick to add that human factors will also be vital. "A single Mars mission would require roughly 500 days in space, which is approximately equivalent to the total space time logged by all American astronauts to date. Crew members cooped up in a compartment the size of a Volkswagen bus for that long will undergo enormous physical and mental stress, and we have to carefully plan and prepare for that."

But the most difficult stress for the proponents of further space exploration to overcome will likely be that on the U.S. taxpayer. The Synthesis Group's plan outlines a number of ways to get to the moon and Mars, but doesn't suggest any alternatives to fund the trip.

"It wasn't our job to estimate costs," Purvis explains. "The alternatives we

offered are so flexible that it would have been virtually impossible to cost them out anyway. We don't even know what the final plan will look like. And in many cases, required technologies or facilities already exist or can be adapted, so there's no way to figure costs there."

"A good example of dual-use technology can be found in robotics. The automated robots used in hazardous waste disposal could be easily modified for use in planetary exploration."

Though he can't predict exact costs, Purvis does say that "we could pay for the program with entirely new money at a cost of about 75 cents per week for every American. That's the cost of a Coca-Cola out of a machine."

That money would be well spent, according to the Synthesis Group. In addition to increasing man's knowledge of the solar system, it would buy a number of more practical benefits, including refocusing America's position in world leadership, boosting the U.S. economy through increased employment and government spending, rejuvenation of flagging interest among American students in science and technology, and development of a number of "spinoffs," or technologies with practical earthbound applications.

Better yet, Purvis argues, parts of the program could be implemented with funds already available due to the so-called "peace dividend." And getting the program underway would also save jobs in the energy and defense sectors that otherwise may be lost.

"The money is already out there to do this, if we got up to a flat funding level of, say, \$2.5 billion per year. Congressionally speaking, that's peanuts. All that money currently exists in the Departments of Energy and Defense, and that's without touching anything at NASA. As we draw down our military forces and stop spending so much money on equipment, we could keep those budgets just a little

below what they are now and put the leftover money into a space program.

"Then we could keep people in the defense program employed. We would just have to retrain them to think about space flight instead of shooting down Scuds."

But the most compelling argument of all, at least for Purvis, is that a nation that has no frontiers left to explore is a nation without purpose.

"We're at a point in history where we can do like other nations that stopped exploration and changed their military spending. We can focus on domestic issues and watch our country go down the tubes. We can be like Germany in the 1700s, not explore the new world, and end up with a feudal system that really caused two world wars. Or we can be like Spain, France, and Britain, and reap the rewards of exploration both at home and abroad."

Purvis is optimistic that America will choose the latter course. "A lot of key people in the Synthesis Group are moving into top posts in the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, NASA, and throughout the government, with the ability to make this thing happen. The critical element is going to be Congressional funding."

"Congressmen and senators need to know that their constituents are interested. There's a tremendous amount of untapped enthusiasm for space exploration in this country among a wide variety of people. I see it every day, although I never read or hear about it in the media."

"It doesn't make for sensational news. But it's there. And all those people need to contact their legislators and let them know we haven't forgotten about space. That's what it's going to take to get us back out there." AA

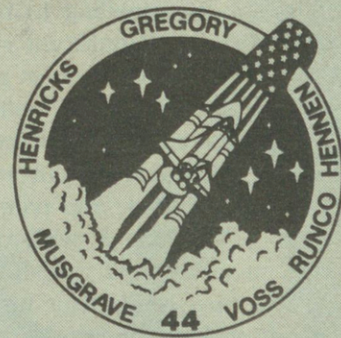
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Voss Becomes AU's Fourth Flying Tiger

Jim S. Voss '72 joined a select Auburn group when he became the fourth AU alumnus to fly in space during the ten-day flight of space shuttle *Atlantis* Nov. 24-Dec. 3.

An aerospace engineering graduate, Voss joined fellow flying Tigers Henry (Hank) Hartsfield '54, T.K. (Ken) Mattingly '58, and Kathryn Cordell Thornton '74. Already a veteran, Thornton will become the second American woman to walk in space during the inaugural mission of the new shuttle *Endeavour* in April, 1992.

Another Auburn astronaut, Jan Davis '77, is scheduled to fly on the second flight of the *Endeavour* in August, 1992, along with her astronaut husband, Mark Lee. The pair will make NASA history as the first married couple to fly in space.



Voss' mission—STS-44—launched an early warning satellite for the Department of Defense, with Voss doing the deployment honors as the crew's mission specialist. The six-member crew also conducted experiments on the long-term effects of space flight on the human body.

Voss' wife, the former Suzan Curry '71, works for NASA's Program Office, where she is responsible for the scheduling of shuttle flights.

A Joyful Noise

By Lisa Wolfe '91

Fddie Compton, who is about to sing a solo with the Auburn University Gospel Choir, takes a microphone in hand, clears his throat, and asks the members of the Bell Missionary Baptist Church—just off Highway 14 on the way to Loachapoka—to pray for him.

His voice, he says, is strained—he's been singing all week long. He does sound weak for the first few bars, but then he puts the microphone down, as if sure now that his voice can make it past the collected voices of his fellow blue-robed choir members, and sings out strongly.

Those seated in the pews approve. "Alright," someone shouts when he puts the microphone down. "Yeah!" says somebody else. A tall elderly man with his hat placed carefully next to him in the pew nods his head vigorously in agreement.

The choir slowly comes back to full strength after the solo is over, their voices—and those of some of the church members—swelling to fill the church with rich, magnificent sound. They rise to a pitch that leaves goosebumps, and some of them smile just then, as if surprised at themselves.

"Gospel songs come from prayer, meditation, hard times, and pain," the Reverend A.W. Nix, a well-known revivalist, preacher, and gospel singer of the '20s, once said. "But they are written out of divine memories, out of the feeling in your soul."

When the Auburn University Gospel Choir sings at its best and fullest, as it has this day, it can match that statement word for word. You hear prayer and meditation, and hard times and pain, too, somewhere behind the words. But best of all, when the choir sings as one sonorous and undivided voice, those "divine memories" that Nix spoke of become almost visible, as if they were hanging etched in the air for the choir to sing aloud.

"O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!"
—Psalms 95:1

Auburn University's Gospel Choir is a relative newcomer to the galaxy of campus organizations. It was first organized in 1984 as the Afro-American Association Choir, an off-campus group that consisted of Auburn students but was not affiliated with the university, according to Devron Veasley '88, one of the group's first members. "It started with our original pianist, Laura Pope. Word got around that she was trying to form a choir," says Veasley, now a management scientist with Auburn's Small Business Development Center.

"At first, it was just some people who were interested in singing gospel music, and we met down in the basement of the Baptist Student Union. We performed publicly for about four or five months, and when people asked us where we were from, we'd say 'Auburn University.' I guess it got back to the campus that there was this group from Auburn singing, and the university came to us."

In 1985, Earl Higgins, then assistant vice president for academic affairs, helped get the choir placed under the jurisdiction of the Music Department. The group's name was changed to the Auburn University Gospel Choir, and participants were allowed to receive fine arts credit. The group started meeting in Goodwin Hall to rehearse, and Higgins also assigned the choir a faculty advisor, Claude Gossett.

When Gossett, an associate professor of music, was approached by Higgins, he wasn't even aware the organization existed. And in some ways, he says, it was a stretch for him to consult with the group. "I wasn't really the choral person on the music faculty," he says, adding, "I'm a classical singer, now. I did grow up singing sacred gospel music, but I didn't have experience with this kind of gospel. I grew up in Oklahoma and then moved to Texas, and went to white churches in both states, where we did a different kind of gospel."

There was a bit of trepidation on the

choir's part as well, says Veasley. "Dr. Gossett started off not knowing exactly what we were about, and we didn't know what he was about. We didn't even know they had changed our name yet, and here's this guy explaining all the requirements for credit. We were like, 'Who are you?' Nobody really trusted him."

But, says Veasley, after working with Gossett for a time, the group changed its opinion. "His influence has been so strong on us. He got a lot of Auburn people interested in the choir. He introduced us to influential alumni who had an interest in our choir—that got us our robes, that got us our tours to New York City and Pennsylvania. Everywhere we went, Dr. Gossett played a strong role.

"He's helped us in other ways, too. Any person who's been in that choir has been like one of Dr. and Mrs. Gossett's kids. He's helped us get jobs, he's been a reference on our resumes. If you needed anything, down to a meal, you could go to him. That's the kind of guy he is. It didn't start off as the greatest relationship, but it ended up that way."

The choir has gathered tonight, as it does every Wednesday night, for its weekly rehearsal. Almost 100 people are arrayed around the room, stacked in ascending rows on the rehearsal benches. They listen to one of their peers, a student director, discuss choir business.

After that's settled, they get to their real business—singing. As they stand and start to warm up, the room—a large, acoustically correct rehearsal space with ceilings about 25 feet tall—fills with the sound of all those voices and seems almost as if it is getting smaller.

As the rehearsal progresses, the student directors start to fire up. They cajole, they mug emphatically, they sing in an outlandishly bad way to demonstrate how the choir members should *not* sing. They run from section to

section of the choir in a virtual aerobic routine, pleading and demanding.

Rickeyta Chambers, one of the student directors, teaches a new song, stating the words rapidly, rat-a-tat-tat. She then nods to Abraham Snell—the choir's president and drummer—and Brad Little, another student director and the choir's pianist, to start playing, and finally comes to a standstill next to the piano and listens as the choir tries it. The choir starts to clap, singing the chorus over and over, until Chambers—abandoning her station at the piano—dashes over to the chalkboard and scribbles the rest of the song out.

Soon the choir is going full throttle. They rehearse full out now, not only singing, but adding steps to each song. Right now they do a little walk side to side, clapping just before they stop and go the other way. The directors are still out in the middle of it all, gesturing and shouting out instructions and encouragement. The choir's singing is vigorous and exultant and, again, the room seems to shrink.

At the rehearsal's end, as Little doodles on the piano, making random swirls of sound, Snell informs the choir that a Bible study session—the topic will be angels and demons—will meet in Foy Union later that week. "Any more questions?" he asks. "Then let's pray." Everyone rises and joins hands. Members of the group speak as Snell leads the prayer, saying "Amen," or "Yes!" in agreement. After he finishes, Snell asks whether anyone has special prayer requests. There are several. Two choir members' grandfathers have passed away in the last week. One member's girlfriend, and another's wife, are having problems at work and school. Another member would like to give thanks for her recovery from a paralyzing accident a year ago this day—she had been told she wouldn't walk again, and here she stands.



ou would think that a choral group like this one would number some music majors among its members.

But according to Rickeyta Chambers, a junior majoring in nursing, the choir presently has no music majors. "We have students in pre-law and engineering and everything in between, but no music majors."

However, says Chambers, tradition-based gospel does not require extensive musical training. "It's not surprising to us that none of us are music majors because we've just about all grown up singing this kind of music in our churches. Once you get the hang of it, it's second nature."

In fact, Chambers found that her own musical training in her hometown of Columbus, Ga.,—she took piano lessons for seven years—hindered her in some ways. "Gospel isn't formal sometimes; you just have fun with it, let the spirit come in and play. That was my handicap. When I got here, what they sang wasn't on sheet music, and if it wasn't on sheet music I couldn't play it. So I had to learn to play by ear."

While most of the choir's singers have grown up singing gospel, and some have other music training, a few have come to the group without any gospel experience, or even, a few of them say, without any particular musical aptitude. One student, a soloist on one of the group's songs, had never sung gospel before she came to Auburn. Another student states frankly that she doesn't have a particularly good voice but that that's fine with her; "I'm singing for Jesus, not for myself."

That statement sums up what most of the group's members feel about gospel's purpose. "We don't perform, we sing for God," one student explains. "We sing solely to uplift the name of Jesus."

This sense of mission gives the group, when it sings, a certainty and security that many artists in secular genres don't have. Its members don't quibble over subtleties of interpretation. They simply sing. "We don't have to say, 'Now this is what you should be conveying here,'" says Rickeyta Chambers. "Our objective is to glorify the Lord, to pray to Him through song, and we all know that."

While singing in the choir is very much a spiritual activity for its members, the group also functions as a social forum, according to Claude Gossett. "The group is also a social meeting time for the kids, and a very important one." Several choir members also feel that it is a social as well as spiritual group, and point in particular to the way that it brings black students together.

One choir member says, "I'm here because I love the Lord, but it's also a *good* way to meet other black students on campus." Devron Veasley agrees, recounting that when the choir began, in 1984, "there were about 450 black students here. Obviously, on a campus this size, you don't see people like yourself too often when you're in that small a minority. So the choir serves as a watering hole where you get to meet who's who on campus."

The choir is also a conduit for the expression of black culture, he adds. "Now the choir's expanded, so it's a focal point on campus. This music is part of our culture, but it's for everybody—black and white. That's who we're singing to—everybody."



aving sung all over the South—in Georgia, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Louisiana, and Texas—and on the Eastern seaboard as well, in New York City, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C., the choir now

wants to truly expand its horizons and go to Europe. There is a catch, of course—the almost \$90,000 price tag. (And that's the estimated price were only 55 of the choir's more than 90 members to go.)

The members have raised more than \$20,000 with bake sales and car washes. However, says Abraham Snell, a senior in aerospace engineering, "If we raise \$200, that's good, but it's still just a drop in the bucket."

Claude Gossett hoped the group would be able to raise sufficient funds for the tour by last summer. "Some students were ready to pay right then, and some have been able to earn the money to go, but others are from small communities and have no resources," he says. "They're here under ROTC, they work wherever they can to earn money, and to put together that much money is impossible for them."

Although he's discouraged that the trip—originally scheduled for August and September of this year—has been postponed, Gossett does feel that the choir will eventually be able to go. "Evidently it was not meant to be at that time, but I think when God is willing, we will go."

Whether or not the choir is successful in its bid to go to Europe, it will no doubt continue to function as a strong spiritual and social organization on the Auburn campus; its members will make sure of that. "There's this song called 'Fully Committed,' that's my favorite song," says Brad Little. "It says that in order for you to be what you're going to be, you have to be fully committed—and we are." AA

AUTHOR'S NOTE: Readers wishing to help the choir with its European tour may send gifts to the AU Gospel Choir European Tour Fund, Auburn Alumni Center, Accounting Office, 317 S. College St., Auburn University, AL 36849.



Alumnalities

'34-'36 Kenneth N. Byrne '34 of Swansboro, N.C., celebrated his 58th wedding anniversary in November with his wife, Dolores.

George F. Bohorfoush '36 lives in Birmingham with his wife, **Bessie Barker '34**.

'53 Martin L. Dalton, Jr., was recently named chief and chairman of surgery at The Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon, Ga.

'56-'59 Richard Haynes '56, retired from Monsanto as a chemist, is a freelance designer, illustrator, and writer in St. Louis.

Donald Lee Chapman '56 recently received the Merck Sharp & Dohme Pharmacist Recognition Award. He owns Chapman Drug Co. in Hapeville, Ga.

Robert G. Haley '57 is vice president for BellSouth International in Atlanta. He lives in Roswell, Ga., with his wife, **Jane Cooper '57**.

Ret. Col. **Earle F. Lasseter '57**, a partner in the law firm of Pope, McGlamry, Kilpatrick & Morrison in Columbus, became chairman of the section of general practice for the American Bar Association at the association's recent meeting in Atlanta. He was also elected to the House of Delegates of the association for three years.

H.M. (Mack) Burt, Jr., '58 of Anniston has been named chairman and CEO of Triplex Lloyd North America while retaining his duties as chairman and CEO of Southern Tool.

Lee C. Penhallegon '59 is executive director of the Georgia Industries for the Blind in Bainbridge, Ga.

'60-'64 Joe Day '60 of Tifton, Ga., retired from Abraham Baldwin College in 1989. He has been a consultant to the State Department for a course in applied mathematics, and has also written a book, *Fundamentals of Mathematics*.

Don Richardson '61 recently retired as professor and head of the Department of Communication at Auburn and is chairman of the division of public communication at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Tex.

Judy Tomlin '61 was recently selected as the 1991 Outstanding Citizen of Estoe, Fla.

N. Thomas Pilgreen '61 is president and owner of Affiliated Consulting Company in Little Rock, Ark.

O.D. Paul '63 recently retired from Waycross (Ga.) City Schools, but continues to teach at several area colleges.

James Madison Hill, IV, '64, DVM, and his wife, **Sally Jones '63**, sailed to Nova Scotia this summer accompanied by their guest, William F. Buckley.

BORN: A daughter, Kristin Elizabeth, to Capt. and Mrs. **Tony Gardner '63** of Bay St. Louis, Miss. She joins stepsister Tracy A. Lee and stepbrothers Randy and Rusty. Tony is a senior electronics technician for the U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office.

'65-'69 David A. Cole '65 was named outstanding alumnus recently in Auburn's Department of Industrial Engineering. David is president and CEO of Kurt Salmon Associates, Inc., in Atlanta.

Paul Crigler '65 is a consultant for Rust International in Birmingham.

Richard Whaley Dean '66 recently retired from Fluor Daniel and has moved from England to Anderson, S.C.



CLASS OF 1946—On hand to celebrate their 45th reunion during Reunion '91 weekend recently were, seated, left to right: Mimi Simms, Justine Meadows Hoeflin, Helen Chapman Parkinson, Vam Cardwell York, Katherine Pugh Smith, and Nan Williams DeFoor. Standing, left to right, were Dean Sessamen, Billy Joe Dooley, Charles F. O'Donnell, Joe L. Davis, James M. (Jimmy) Brown, and Agee Wiggins. —Village Photo

Jim Hutcheson '66 is director of instructional support services for Muscogee (Ga.) County Schools. He lives in Columbus, Ga.

Marilyn Beck '66 is president of Lord Fairfax Community College in Middletown, Va.

Carol Griswold Hoover '67 is a physicist for Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in Livermore, Calif., where she lives with her husband, William.

E. Douglas Cowart '67 is a loan officer for Colonial Bank. He lives in Montgomery with his wife, **Karen Shriville**, a sales merchandiser for Johnson and Johnson.

R. Conner Warren '67, executive vice president of Citation Corp., recently won the Distinguished Foundryman of the Year Award from the Alabama Cast Metals Association. He lives in Birmingham with his wife, **Dorothy (Pug) Devaughan '69**, and their two children.

Madeline Fay Ferrell '67 recently received a medical degree from the Chicago Medicine School. She is completing her residency in psychiatry at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C.

William D. O'Bar '67 is retired from the Air Force. He lives in Montgomery.

Cmdr. **Michael R. Selby '68** recently reported for duty at the Naval Education and Training Program in Pensacola, Fla.

Judy Law Willard '68 is an education professor at AUM and a member of the AU presidential search committee.

Col. **William M. McCrary '69** is chief of the plans and programs division at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery. His wife, **Diane Turnham '73**, teaches second grade at Bear Elementary.

Bill Rowe '69 is superintendent for Laurens County (Ga.) School System. He lives in Rentz, Ga.

'70 Wayne P. Blaxton works for Blaxton Construction and Management Co. in Huntsville, where he lives with his wife, **Christina Dudley '69**.

Larry Robert Price works for Edward D. Jones & Co. in Frankfort, Ind., as an investment representative.

Sam Buckner is an associate professor of mathematics education at Clemson University.

Hugh Blake Otwell is a chemistry supervisor at Guardian Systems, Inc., in Leeds, where he lives with his wife, Cynthia.

BORN: A daughter, Laura Allison, to Mr. and Mrs. **Sidney Keywood** of Pensacola, Fla., on Sept. 6. She joins sister Melissa Anne, 3. Sidney is a mechanical engineering specialist for Monsanto Chemical Co.

A son, Robert O'Neal, to Mr. and Mrs. **Robert B. Bates** on Aug. 22. Robert is an attorney with the firm of Cook, Noell, Tolley & Aldridge in Athens, Ga.

'71 John C. Rearden, Jr., is a vice president for Shaw Industries in Cartersville, Ga., where he lives with his wife, Melle, and their twin daughters, Jana and Lacey, 11.

'72 Steven F. Segrest works for the Navy. He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Panama City, Fla.

Davis M. Woodruff, a certified management consultant, is the founder and principal of Management Methods in Decatur. He recently had an article on management published in *Hydrocarbon Processing*.

'73 Stephen F. Cameron works for the Cameron Cotton Co. in Spartanburg, S.C., where he lives with his wife, **Barbara Hancock '71**, and their daughter, Lisa, 11.

Robert Vaughan works for Rust International Corp. in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Diane Bush Eaker Byron is a loan automation coordinator for Bank Boston Mortgage Corp. in Jacksonville, Fla.

Jerry L. Purcell is director of business development for the metals group with Fluor Daniel in Greenville, S.C.

BORN: A son, Stewart James, to Mr. and Mrs. **Rick Alvis (LaBella Stewart '77)** of Birmingham on Apr. 10. Rick and LaBella practice law in Birmingham.

'74 Michael A. Zieman is an administrator at Charter Hospital in Savannah, Ga.

Robert D. Nelson is an executive for the

Employee Retirement System of Alabama in Montgomery.

'75 Maj. David S. Johnson has been named commander of the 475th Supply Squadron at Yokota Air Base in Japan, where he lives with his wife, **Penny Davis '74**.

David Dyson of Birmingham has been named one of the "Top 40 under 40" by the *Birmingham Business Journal*. He is founder and president of the Dyson Institute.

Clark F. Hungerford has been named senior vice president and lending officer for Smyrna Bank & Trust Co. He and his wife, Cheryl, live in West Cobb, Ga., with their three children.

Walter (Mac) McQueen, Ph.D., is the department head of mathematics and science at Chattahoochee Valley Community College in Phenix City.

Charles Sheumaker teaches and serves as an advisor in the department of mathematics at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, La.

'76 James Perrin Warren, an associate professor of English at Washington and Lee University, has written *Walt Whitman's Language Experiment*, which was published last year by Pennsylvania State University Press.

BORN: A daughter, Caitlin Braswell, to Mr. and Mrs. **Ronald M. Coppock** of Plano, Tex., on May 11. She joins sister Taylor, 5. Ron was recently appointed vice president of international sales with Texscan.

ADOPTED: A daughter, Sarah McCloud, by Mr. and Mrs. **David J. Wood** in December 1990. Sarah was born on June 27, 1990. David is a pastor at Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church in Johnson City, Tenn.

'77 Edwin H. Morgan, Jr., is president of Alternative Health Care Systems in Atlanta.

Richard Donald Jolly, a mathematics professor, was recently honored for outstanding teaching and named to a funded chair at LaGrange (Ga.) College.

Melanie A. Cadenhead is a staff manager at BellSouth Management Institute in Nashville. She lives in Antioch, Tenn.

BORN: A son, Spencer Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. **Howard C. (Chip) Swann, Jr., (Elizabeth Aurelia Spencer)** of Mobile on July 12. He joins brothers Trey, 9, and Robert, 6. Chip is engineering manager at First Chemical Corp. in Pascagoula, Miss. Aurelia works in the chemistry laboratory at the University of South Alabama Medical Center and is a consultant for E.I. DuPont.

'78 W. Daniel Gilliland is outdoor education director at Camp ASCCA in Jackson's Gap, where he lives with his wife, Shari, and daughter, Lindsey.

Amy Holt Gattozzi is an art consultant for Gulf States Paper Corp.'s Warner Collection in Tuscaloosa, where she lives with her husband, Joe, and their son, Christopher.

Perri Paxton Lafferty is vice president of operations for Dapix in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. She lives in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Clara Ortiz Clothiaux teaches physics at Auburn High School.

Teresa Poor Hall recently earned a master's degree in public administration from Auburn, where she is coordinator of institutional studies. She lives in Opelika with her husband, Gregory.

BORN: A son, Zachary Tyler, to Mr. and Mrs. **John F. (Jack) Coll** of Houston on

Apr. 18. Jack is a hospital specialist and sales trainer for the hospital products division of Abbott Laboratories.

A son, James Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael McVeigh (**Eileen Ferrell**) on Apr. 3. They live in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

A daughter, Olivia Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Gary M. Pike (**Marcia Zeller**) of Snellville, Ga., on Dec. 9, 1990. She joins brother Michael, 8, and sister April, 7.

'79 Greg DeFoor, a CPA, is secretary and treasurer of Southwest Ford in Weatherford, Tex. He and his wife, Lavada, live in Arlington, Tex.

Tracy D. Still works for Milliken & Co. in LaGrange, Ga. He lives in Valley with his wife, Dee.

Cy G. Christian is a methods engineer with Continental Conveyor in Winfield. He lives in Hamilton with his wife, Linda.

Dave Byrd is division chair of mathematics and science at Enterprise Junior College.

Chet Palmer, a mathematics professor at AUM, is also a statistical consultant.

Jimmy Lumley is director of institutional research and a teacher at Chattahoochee Valley Community College. He is also an associate professor of mathematics at Troy State University at Phenix City.

Jan Abercrombie Elrod, Ph.D., is a

West Helped Sylacauga Grow

Virginia West '41 recently retired as executive director of the Sylacauga Housing Authority after serving for 50 years with the federal government.

During her career, West oversaw the development of low-rent public housing and the renewal and beautification of the Sylacauga business district. She also administered a grant for construction of the Tallaseehatchie Creek Watershed, which was named Lake Virginia in her honor in 1982.

Bozeman Mayor Of Adel

William F. Bozeman '50, DVM, who has practiced veterinary medicine in Adel, Georgia, for the last 41 years, has also been involved in Adel politics since 1968, when he became a city councilman. He has served as mayor for the last 14 years. During his mayoral tenure, Bozeman has initiated several inventive community programs. One program provides help to victims of house fires; one checks on people living alone; and another provides after-school care for children whose parents work.

In addition to his civic activities, Bozeman has stayed busy with his veterinary practice, which over the years has gone from treating mostly large animals to treating small animals.

Steele Honored By NOAA

Kenneth E. Steele '54 of Pass Christian, Miss., was recently recognized by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for his contributions to the measurement of ocean wave direction. Steele, who developed a simple buoy that accurately measures the pitch, roll, and heave of waves, was presented with a NOAA Administrator's Award in September. Data collected by the buoy from U.S. coastlines is used by the National Weather Service, Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory, the Office of Naval Research, and the Army Corps of Engineers. NOAA's ocean wave measurement system is regarded as the world's best, due in part to Steele's contributions. Steele works at the National Data Buoy Center at the Stennis Space Center.



CLASS OF 1951—Celebrating their 40th reunion during Reunion '91 weekend on campus recently were, Row 1, left to right: Charles Burnum, John T. Meredith, W. R. Evans, William L. Kennedy, Harry Watts, Bill Fredlund, Sig Redelsheimer, Charles Wingfield, and Don Strickland. Row 2, left to right: Grace Meadows Prince, Doris Ginn McWaters, Duke Pearce, Betty Harpe Pearce, Jack Sherrer, Katharine Sherrer, Bennie McCrary Payne, James K. Foshee, Max Ellis, Bob Martin, Phyllis Applebee Irvine, and Rebecca M. Earnest. Row 3, left to right: Billy Mimms, Davis Henson, Jr., Robert E. Herbertson, G. Brooks Curlee, Ed Vaiden, William C. Petty, Jr., Roger P. Schad, V. H. Wilson, Guy E. Peterson, Tom Elliott, Bob McMillan, Alfred D. North, Dick Dickson, William L. Guy, Grover Peebles, D. R. Hart, H. D. Mantz, Lucille May Henderson, Bill Hogarth, J. B. Henderson, Wilson H. Crowder, Ernest L. Bell, Charles H. Loyd, Polly Herrin, and A. Jackson Davis. Row 4, left to right: Eugene P. Williamson, Harry Ingram, Bobby Hicks Ingram, Norman C. Kent, Carter Kyser, John C. Thies, Frank Williams, Bob Jackson, Joe Giambone, Claude Lucas, Dr. Sam T. Coker, H. Ray Houston, and Pete Comfort. Row 5, left to right: Caswell H. McWaters, Charles A. Price, Doyle Barksdale, F. Chris Alley, Rogers Howell, Allen Bates, William M. Paxton, Jr., Hubert Reynolds, Charles Schreiner, Hugh Barrow, and Gilbert Butler.

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CLASS OF 1956—Members of the class of 1956 returned to campus to mark their 35th reunion during Reunion '91 weekend recently. Returnees included, Row 1, left to right: Jeanne Killingsworth Eggleston, Bruce Green, Charles A. McDade, III, Bob Brom, Ricardo Price, Dorcas Scroggins Saunders, Dick Scott, Nancy Kelly Scott, and Jack Allison. Row 2, left to right: Mary Jim Bottcher, Allan Moody, James B. (Jim) Spence, Jess Phillips, Carol Segrest, Mack Graham, Ann Gresham, Tom F. Jones, Jim Mash, Johnny Adams, Letta Alexander Crocker, Ben. F. Baker, Martha B. Eskew, Robert L. Eskew, Ed Chapman, Joe M. Smith, and Ray Alexander. Row 3, left to right: Bob Roberts, Ralph Cox, Don Bravaldo, Jr., Jack Helmick, Don Jones, Wayne Walton, Raymond Grissom, Idola Newberry Knickerbocker, Ed Williams, and Jim Martin. Row 4, left to right: J. Lee Alley, John Watt, Ray Taunton, Don Krueger, Wyatt Shows, Herman Thrash, Wayne Garlock, T. Donald Tyus, E. D. Sellers, and Bill Wilson.

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Alum Excels At Masters Meets

Betty Brown Vosburgh '56 of Atlanta, a vocalist with the Auburn Knights during her Auburn days, has recently made a name for herself at Masters Track and Field meets. Vosburgh, who has only been competing in track and field events for three years, set one world record and seven American records in her age group at the National Masters Track and Field Championships in Naperville, Ill., in July. She also competed at the ninth WAVA World Veterans Athletics Championships in Turku, Finland, the same month, winning four gold and silver medals each.

Sherman Honored By Social Security Administration

Gordon Sherman '57 of Atlanta, regional commissioner of Social Security, was recently presented with the Ewell T. Bartlett Memorial Award for Humanity in Government at the Social Security National Headquarters in Baltimore, Md. The award, given each year to one of the agency's 65,000 employees, recognizes Sherman's efforts to build cooperation between the Social Security Administration and other public and private groups. Gordon also has founded a lectureship in public administration at Auburn.

Gorrie Honored With Hope Award

Brasfield and Gorrie president Miller Gorrie '57 of Birmingham has been chosen for the Hope Award, the highest honor bestowed by the national Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The award is based on Gorrie's outstanding contribution to the business and civic community. He is a long-time supporter of the MS Society's Dinner of Champions, having chaired the dinner in 1990.

Forestry Grad Goes International

Jeff Sirmon '58 has been chosen as the first director of the new Office of International Forestry Programs, taking on the title of deputy chief for international forestry. He had been deputy chief of programs and legislation at the Forest Service's headquarters in Washington.



CLASS OF 1961—A number of members of the class of 1961 were on campus recently to celebrate their 30th reunion. Included were, left to right, row 1: Frank E. Zipperer, David Curry, Robert W. Schorr, Margaret Moore Linville, Dr. Judy Tomlin, Sidney Lanier, and Joe Ed Voss. Row 2: A. I. Corte, Tom F. Matthews, Jr., Wayland Stewart, Jan Bunes, Joel N. Pugh, Wayne Chase, and Clarence L. Dykes. Row 3: N. M. Snow III, Seiford Schultz, Bob Coats, M. S. Wright, Don Griffis, Gary Street, and Howard A. Martin.

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professor of mathematics at Troy State University, where she recently received the Ingalls Award for excellence in teaching.

BORN: A daughter, Carey Leigh, to Mr. and Mrs. **Mark L. Steber (Greta Sauerbrey '80)** of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., on Mar. 7.

A daughter, Weldon, to Mr. and Mrs. **Mark Gaines** of Homewood on Mar. 15. Mark, an attorney, is also a state representative.

Twin sons, Brand Parker and Brooks Anderson, to Mr. and Mrs. **Marvin Douglas Driver, Jr.**, of Lithonia, Ga., on July 9. Doug is a project manager for Martech U.S.A.

A daughter, Kathryn Gwenyth, to Mr. and Mrs. **Kenneth Nunneley** on Aug. 16. They live in Montgomery.

'80 Robert F. Roggio, Ph.D., was recently appointed dean of the college of computer and information sciences at the University of North Florida.

Keith D. Lynch, Ph.D., is a forestry professor at Kansas State University. He recently received a Conoco Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award.

Pamela Wyleen (Sissi) Carroll is a professor of English education at Florida State University.

'81 John Reuel Wells was recently promoted to manager of manufacturing systems with Murata Erie North America and transferred to State College, Pa.

Capt. **Edward R. Schowalter** is a pharmaceutical consultant at the Army Medical Materiel Center in Pirmasens, Germany.

Maj. **David Carden** is chief of community health with the Army at Camp Zama, Japan. His wife, **Patty Odom '80**, teaches English to Sony Corp. employees. They have three children: Amy Louise, Benjamin David, and Caroline Grace.

Stephen J. Bethay works for Southern Nuclear Operating Co. in Birmingham, where he lives with his wife, **Patricia Casey '80**.

Mark D. Jacobs is a controller at Altex Resources in Birmingham.

Chaweevan Sawetamalya is mathematics supervisor for Thailand and acting deputy head of Thailand's Instructional Supervision Division.

BORN: A son, Samuel Perry, III, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Perry Given, Jr., (**Roxanne Raley**) of Birmingham on Mar. 19.

A daughter, Gretchen Sara, to Mr. and Mrs.

Rick DeVuyst (Anita Comfort '82) of Pace, Fla., on July 21. She joins brother Grant.

A daughter, Owens Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. **Francis Milton Jessup (Susan Bryan '86)** of Birmingham on Mar. 9.

'82 Stephen Allen Strother is a systems analyst for IBM in Marietta, Ga. He lives in Lithonia, Ga.

Thomas R. Bell has been promoted to associate partner with Andersen Consulting in Nashville.

Janet Coupland Newell lives with her husband, Dan, in Nashville, where she does volunteer work.

Capt. **Lance Souders** manages software development for nine Air Force management information systems. He is stationed at Gunter AFB in Montgomery.

BORN: A daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. **William J. Taylor** of Brewton on Aug. 27. William is a technical assistant for Jefferson Smurfit.

A son, Jason Thames, to Mr. and Mrs. **David Bass (Michele Johnson '86)** of Auburn on July 30.

A son, Andrew Shelton, to Mr. and Mrs. **Michael Wayne (Libby Mason '83)** of Marietta, Ga., on Aug. 13. Mike is an industrial engineer for General Services Administration.

A daughter, Caroline Christine, to Mr. and Mrs. **James D. Kay, Jr.**, on Aug. 7. James is a lawyer with Manier, Herod, Hollabaugh & Smith in Nashville.

A son, Michael Aaron, to Mr. and Mrs. **John B. Tuttle (Stephanie Crunk '83)** of Douglasville, Ga., on July 3.

A daughter, Sidney Caroline, to Mr. and Mrs. **Barry R. Holt '83 (Hope Hardy)** of Montgomery on July 26.

'83 Byron Montcrief Hudson works for Hudson, Geci & Horne, Engineers, in Pensacola, Fla., where he lives with his wife, **Cheryl Jensen '81**, and their children, Katie and Jessie.

Cathy D. Robinson is a public affairs specialist at Key West NAS.

Elizabeth Lowrey has been appointed director of interior architecture for Elkus/Manfredi Architects in Boston.

Lu Mixon Tate is regional training administrator for State Farm Insurance in Birmingham.

Richard T. Staples is a captain in the Marine Corps. He lives in Garden City, N.Y., with his wife, **Barbara Lynn '82**.

BORN: A son, Taylor Reid, to Mr. and Mrs. **Mark Stevenson (Robin Neidel '84)** of Milpitas, Calif., on Feb. 18. Mark is a business news writer for the *San Jose Mercury News*.

A son, Torre Franklin, to Mr. and Mrs. **J. Franklin McLain, Jr.**, of Duluth, Ga., on Aug. 3.

'84 Steven C. Wood graduated from the Medical College of Virginia's dental school in May. He is pursuing a master's in oral biology specializing in orthodontics at the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

William Edward Fleck, Jr., is manager of accounting, production control, and stores at the Bessemer pipe plant of United States Pipe and Foundry Co. He lives in Birmingham with his wife, Melanie.

J. Alan Bannister is an associate attorney with Debevoise & Plimpton in New York City. He lives with his wife, Robin, in Mount Kisco, N.Y.

Linda Sumners DeBrunner recently earned a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Virginia Tech. She is an assistant professor in the school of engineering and computer



CLASS OF '66—Celebrating their 25th reunion during Reunion '91 weekend were class of 1966 members, seated, left to right: Liz Ellis Peel, Ann Whatley, Carolyn Williams Whiting, E. Joyce Richardson Burrows, Christy Haynes Gunter, Susan Phinney, Ginger Barberousse Weirich, Pat Wittel Tremaine, Alice Johnson Mallory, and Faye Hicks Doane. Standing, left to right, were Bill Chapple, Bill Hanks, Don Rowe, Gerry Shoaf, Walter Schoditsch, Richard Foster, Richard A. Roh, Jim Golson, Wayman L. Duffey, Tom Clement, Wes Phinney, and Ed Cooke.

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science at the University of Oklahoma. She lives in Norman, Okla., with her husband, **Victor Earl DeBrunner**.

Willie Christian teaches math at AUM.

Becky J. Wilson was recently named public affairs officer of Mercantile Bancorporation in St. Louis.

Steve Humphries works for the university relations office at Florida State University.

Shelton Foss is in law school at the University of Alabama.

BORN: A daughter, Leigh Anna, to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Gregory Solomon (Anna Dennis)** on Feb. 28. She joins brother Clark, 3. Charles is a pharmacist at West Alabama Hospital in Northport.

Twin sons, Reid Martin and Robert Starley, to Mr. and Mrs. Rob Francis (**Fran Baker**) of Birmingham on Jan. 7.

A son, Thomas (Tripp) Bond, III, to Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas Bond Calloway, Jr., (Karin Gage '85)** of Augusta, Ga., on Aug. 10. Bond is a senior engineer at Westinghouse's Savannah River site. Karin is a freelance feature writer.

A daughter, Laura Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. **Gerald A. Hogue (Natalie Hodnett)** of Marietta, Ga., on May 8. She joins brother Benjamin, 4. Gerald is a claims supervisor with Hartford.

'85 Robby Howell recently became a principal in The Placemark Co. in Macon, Ga. He also teaches a portion of a state landfill operator's certification course.

Shirley Wilson is head of the mathematics department at North Central College in Naperville, Ill.

Bill Kimber is a member of the news staff at the Talledega *Daily Home*.

Carol Brown is public affairs director of the Alabama Caucus of House Democrats in Montgomery.

Capt. **Mike Lennon** is a Cobra helicopter pilot in the Marine Corps.

Leslie Gingles is an assistant editor at Auburn's University Relations office.

Kirk Walden is director of Sav-a-Life, a crisis pregnancy center in Auburn. He lives in Opelika with his wife, **Christine Solenberg**, and their son, Joel, 2.

Lt. **Joseph Bauknecht** recently reported for duty at Norfolk Naval Station.

Brent M. Craig is an attorney with William Howell in Mobile.

Capt. **Wendell Riley** recently reported for duty with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing in Cherry Point, N.C.

Deborah Dubble Flint is a senior management engineer at University Hospital in Birmingham.

MARRIED: Kimberly Gay Whisnant to **Christopher William Rogers** on Apr. 13. They live in Atlanta.

BORN: A son, Daniel Brady, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fred Hubbard (**Renee Brady**) of Montgomery on July 9. Renee is a manager for Jackson Thornton & Co.

'86 Jeffrey Alan Williams recently graduated from optometry school at UAB and practices with Barksdale Vision Clinic in Auburn.

Mark C. Langley is an industrial engineer with Federal Mogul in Jacksonville, where he lives with his wife, **Charlotte L. Billings**, who received an Ed.D. from Auburn this year and is a counselor at Jacksonville State University.

John Michael Porter is manager of manufacturing for Russell U.K. in Livingston, Scotland. He lives in West Lothian, Scotland.

Charles Davidson is a business news reporter with the *Gwinnett Daily News* in Duluth, Ga.

George K. Derifield was recently named assistant area operations supervisor at an Ashland Petroleum Co. refinery in Catlettsburg, Ky.

Jenny Lauderdale writes grant proposals and helps produce a monthly paper for Kentuckians for the Commonwealth in Prestonburg, Ky.

Laurie Wood is editor of *The Community Press* in Millbrook.

Sonja Baucom Lothar is marketing director for Indurall in Birmingham, where she lives with her husband, Barry.

MARRIED: Susan Fuller '87 to **Richard E. Zumbado** on Aug. 24. They live in Gardendale. She is a facility engineer with Thikol and he is a safety inspector with Independent Testing Laboratories.

Susan Holley to **William S. Cage** on Aug. 24. They live in Birmingham.

Jean Anne Pate to **John Forrest Collier** on Sept. 7. They live in Arlington, Tex. John is an international marketing analyst with American Airlines in Dallas.

BORN: A son, Sean Daniel, to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Beach (**Kelly Martin**) of Cordova, Tenn., on Aug. 28. Kelly received an M.Ed. in secondary education from East Texas State University in August.

A daughter, Mallory Anné, to Mr. and Mrs. **Phillip Dwayne Morgan '88 (Holly Hurst)** of Pelham on Dec. 2, 1990.

A son, Doke Donovan, to Mr. and Mrs. **Ron L. Massa (Valerie Thompson '85)** on Mar. 14. They live in Lufkin, Tex.

'87 Michael Ray Clardy is developing border stations along the U.S./Mexico border for the federal government. He is also in the part-time MBA program at SMU. He lives in Grapevine, Tex., with his wife, **Melanie Barnett Clardy '89**, who is safety manager for Pepsi Food Systems.

Ada Barnes Winter is an associate executive director for Intellectual Property Owners, Inc., in Washington, D.C. She lives in Arlington, Va., with her husband, Jeffrey.

Cathryn C. Layfield is a special assistant in the office of public affairs of the Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

Salatheia Bryant is a news staff writer for *The Tampa (Fla.) Tribune*.

Susan Fleming taught English at Hunan University in China during the 1990-1991 school year.

Stephanie Hunt is assistant news editor at the *Gwinnett Daily News* in Duluth, Ga.

Chris Linville is an associate public relations director for National Handicapped Sports (NHS). He is also editor of the NHS newspaper and magazine.

Renee A. Ingersoll is a systems engineer for NASA in Huntsville. She is pursuing a master's degree in industrial engineering.

1/Lt. **William A. Dow, Jr.**, recently returned from Saudi Arabia and will be stationed in Mannheim, Germany, for the next two years.

Matthew Brumwell and his wife, **Anna Chin**, work for Alcoa and live in Maryville, Tenn.

Dan Marks is an associate professor of math at AUM.

W. Daniel Mixson is a forestry specialist for Dupont Co. He lives in Sylacauga with his wife, Denise.

Lisa O. Padgett is an accountant for Morrison's, Inc., in Mobile. She lives in Daphne.

Charles Abrams works in the traffic department at Lockheed in Marietta, Ga.

Donna Watkins Mayes teaches elementary school in Grove Oak, where she lives with her husband, **Joel R. Mayes**, a mechanical engineer for American Computing, Inc.

MARRIED: Beverly Kim Campbell to Johan Karel Frederik Perry on July 4. She works for Southeastern Analytical Services in Huntsville.

BORN: A daughter, Allison Christina, to Mr. and Mrs. **Chris Glasscock (Danelle Nolen '86)** of Kingsport, Tenn., on Apr. 20.

A son, John Caleb, to Mr. and Mrs. **Michael J. Dennison** of Linden, Tenn., on Dec. 6, 1990.

A son, Keith Jacob, to Mr. and Mrs. **Stephen LeGrone (Laurie Keith)** of Greensboro, N.C., on May 30. Stephen is a sales representative for The Guardian Group Insurance Co.

A daughter, Sara Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. **Bob Gardner (Leah Glenn)** of Atlanta on Mar. 16. Bob is supervisor of highway coordination with Atlanta Gas Light Co.

A daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. **Don Keller (Ann Runyan)** of Justice, Ill., on Mar. 10.

Shot in the Leg Good for Business

A machine gun bullet that tore through AU 1967 grad Glenn McWaters' left leg led to a \$2 million-a-year business.

Wounded while serving in Vietnam, McWaters soon discovered the benefits of physical therapy in a pool. The former Auburn trackman founded and is president of Bioenergetics, a Birmingham-based company which manufactures two-pound wet vests that support the wearer vertically in deep water to neck level.

The wet vests sell for \$125, but McWaters' next venture is a wet belt for beginning aquatic exercisers, which will sell for \$25.95.

Hinds Assumes 4404th Command

Col. Robert S. Hinds '67 assumed command in July of the 4404th Composite Wing (Provisional) at King Abdul Aziz Air Base in Saudi Arabia.

Hinds leads the Air Force's most diverse operational composite wing—a new approach which combines different kinds of airplanes and assorted squadrons under a single commander for various missions.

Formerly vice commander of the 602nd Tactical Air Control Wing at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., Hinds has more than 3,400 flying hours and has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross, three Meritorious Service Medals, 13 Air Medals, three Air Force Commendation Medals, and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

Warren Retires From Air Force

Ceremonies held at Gunter AFB in Montgomery recently marked the retirement of Lt. Col. Hoyt M. Warren, Jr., '71, whose Air Force career spanned 20 years. General Lester J. Weber spoke at the ceremonies and presented Warren with a fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to his Meritorious Service Medal for his service as Commander of the Air Force Computer Services Center in San Antonio, Tex. Warren was also cited for his outstanding service as a communications and computer systems officer at Air Force Communications Command Headquarters and at the Air Force's Pentagon Headquarters. Warren lives in Montgomery, where he works for CACI, an information systems firm.



CLASS OF '71—The Class of 1971 returned to campus recently to celebrate their 20th reunion. On hand were, seated, left to right, Jim Benoit, Margaret Diseker Melzer, Gail O. Salmon, Betty M. DeMent, and Arthur Sullivan. Standing, left to right, were Alfred Leon Joly, Joe McGinty, Ken Smith, Doug May, and John C. Knoop.

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Waters Named 'Point of Light'

Alan Waters '76 has never sought out honors, but they have a way of finding him—all the way from the White House.

The Daleville High School agribusiness teacher and Auburn August master's graduate has been named one of President Bush's "Points of Light," one of the nation's highest honors. He was honored for his work as advisor of Daleville High's Future Farmers of America chapter. The group's community projects include an anti-theft campaign, a CPR class, and fingerprinting elementary school students for police files.

As part of the FFA's national "Building Our American Communities" program, the Daleville plan was judged the nation's finest and was featured in a 1990 IBM ad in *U.S. News and World Report*.

Maine Receives Bowl of Hygeia

The Alabama Pharmaceutical Association chose Lucinda Maine '80 as the 1991 recipient of its Bowl of Hygeia Award, presented each year to a pharmacist with a record of outstanding community service. Maine is the director of professional relations and an assistant professor of pharmacy practice at Samford University School of Pharmacy in Birmingham.

In her community, Maine served as president of the Lions Club and chairperson of Lion's Quest, a drug and alcohol abuse program which she helped develop and promote.

Clothiaux Named To Fellowship

Eugene Clothiaux '83 is one of 14 research fellows chosen by the Department of Energy's Office of Health and the Environment for its first Global Change Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellowships. The program offers opportunities to recent recipients of doctoral degrees to conduct research in support of the Global Change Research Program. The fellowships are granted for up to two years and carry a \$35,000 stipend the first year and a \$37,000 stipend the second year. Clothiaux, who received a Ph.D. in physics from Brown University in 1990, will perform his research at Argonne National Laboratory in University Park, Penn.



TRAVELIN' TIGERS—A number of Auburn alumni and friends cruised to Canada and New England recently aboard the *MV Royal Princess* as part of the Alumni Association's War Eagle Travelers Program. Included were, front row, left to right, Vickie Jernigan, Jerome Davis '42, DVM, Maud Davis, Fay McKinney, Wallace McKinney '55, Jim Anthony '57, Marilyn Anthony, Dolores Booth, and Charles Booth '37. Second row, left to right: Roy Wilcox '31, Edith Wilcox, Wheeler Gunnels, Betty Wise Gunnels '57, Jeannine Alexander, Lon Alexander, Mike Jernigan '80, Susan Pless, and Bill Pless '38. Not pictured are Sam and Joyce Plant.

'88 Susan Caneva teaches nursing at Regis University in Denver.

Cara J. Maglione is director of operations for KSM, Inc., in Atlanta.

Pat Cornelius is a sales representative for Jostens in Atlanta.

Tracy R. True was recently promoted to senior administrative analyst in the performance incentive program department of SouthTrust Corp. She completed her MBA at Samford University in May.

William R. McMahon, Jr., is an assistant project manager for Robins Corp. He lives in Orlando, Fla., with his wife, **Jennifer Edge McMahon** '87, a nurse at Orlando Regional Medical Center.

Wendy Haught works for Louisiana State University Press in Baton Rouge, La.

Kathy Mus works in the public relations and marketing division of Shared Services for Southern Hospitals in Marietta, Ga.

Selena Roberts is a sports reporter for *The Tampa (Fla.) Tribune*.

Stephanie Warnecke Adams is a counselor for the Tennessee Department of Youth Development. Her husband, **Doug Adams** '87, is a chemical engineer for Nuclear Fuel Services in Erwin, Tenn. They live in Kingsport, Tenn.

Luz Maria Sabillon is an account executive with McCann-Erickson. She lives in Honduras, Central America.

Bradley S. Flynt is a design and project engineer in the control engineering division of Reynolds Metals Co. He lives in Richmond, Va., with his wife, **Barbara Benton** '87.

Walt Mussell is an international sales trainee for Nishida Machine Co. in Osaka, Japan.

Ching-Ming Chen works for Auburn's Department of Mechanical Engineering. He lives in Auburn with his wife, Ping-Ping Wang.

John B. Walsh is a sales engineer for American Cast Iron Pipe in Maitland, Fla. He lives in Altamonte Springs, Fla., with his wife, **Susan O. Walsh**, who teaches for Orange County (Fla.) Schools.

Tom R. Green is a design liaison engineer for General Electric Aircraft Engines in Cincinnati.

Stewart A. Michelin is an Army pilot in the 101st Airborne Division stationed at Ft. Campbell, Ky. He lives in Clarksville, Tenn.

MARRIED: Debbie D. Sergis to **Gary W. Grant** on Aug. 24. Gary is a systems engineer for Rockwell International. They live in Rockledge, Fla.

Donna Rose Leverette to **Anthony Scott Hughes** on Aug. 24. Donna works for Medline Industries and Anthony is a wildlife biologist with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. They live in Montgomery.

BORN: A son, Samuel Whatley, to Mr. and Mrs. **Robert E. Cowles (Ginger Whatley)** of Knoxville, Tenn., on Aug. 6.

'89 Kathryn Abercrombie King of Montgomery received her master's degree in counseling and human development from Troy State University at Montgomery in March. She works at the Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center of Central Alabama as a vocational evaluator.

Ric Gross is sports editor of the *Franklin (Tenn.) Journal* and the *Brentwood (Tenn.) Journal*. He recently received his master's degree in sports management from the U.S. Sports Academy in Daphne.

Sarah Hicks has been promoted to managing editor at *The Andalusia Star-News*.

Carolyn Sloss is marketing assistant at Rupert's in Atlanta.

Sandra Stephens Beisel is a sales assistant in advertising and marketing for *Chicago* magazine. She lives in Chicago with her husband, **Andy Beisel**.

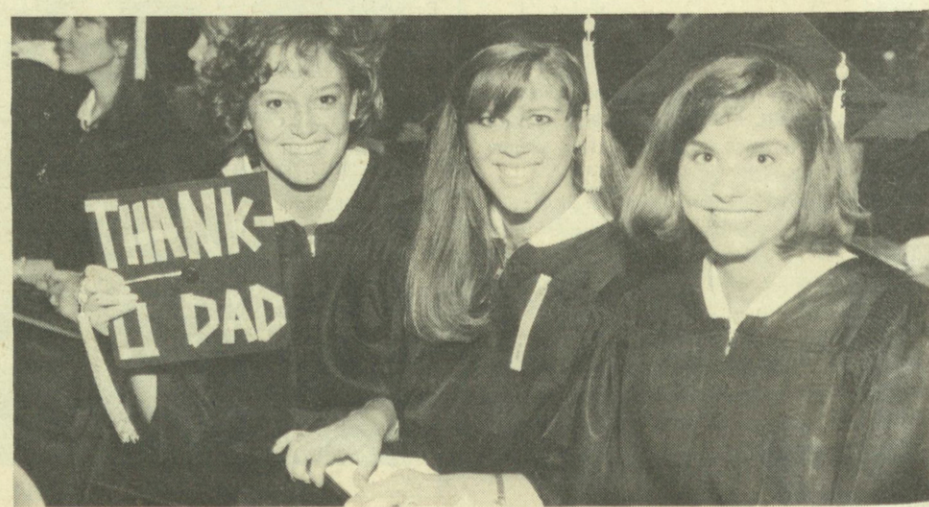
Samantha Thomas is a legal secretary for David Cromwell Johnson in Birmingham.

Michelle Garland is on the sports staff of *The Anniston Star*.

Paige Dorman is communications coordinator for the Shelby Medical Center in Alabaster.

Kelly Chapman is a crime reporter for *The Mobile Press Register*.

Pat Burchfield, Ph.D., teaches math at Murphy High in Mobile and the University of South Alabama. She has won numerous



THANKS DAD—Grateful graduates at Auburn's August commencement were, from left, Amy Wilkerson of Atlanta, Lisa Warren of Auburn, and Brenda Kusz of Cullman. —AU Photo

awards, including Alabama's Presidential Award in 1990.

Ann F. Whitaker, Ph.D., has received a certificate of achievement from NASA for her contributions to the space program. She is chief of the engineering physics division in the materials and processes laboratory at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, where she lives with her husband, John.

Elisa Dawn Smith is working on her master's degree in education at AUM.

MARRIED: **Susan Renee Miller** to **James Wade Lindsay** '83 on Dec. 16, 1990. Jim is a production planner for Ampex Recording Media Corp., and Susan is a pharmacist at the Medical Arts Pharmacy. They live in Auburn.

Hope Letitia Raley to **Stephen Troy Watson** on Aug. 17. Stephen works for GAB Business Services in Athens, Ga.

Ashley Mixson to **Michael Allen Minihan** on Sept. 7. Michael is stationed at Little Rock AFB. They live in North Little Rock, Ark.

BORN: A daughter, Ellen Ruth, to Mr. and Mrs. **Harry M. Ezekiel (Virginia Andrews '83)** of Duluth, Ga., on March 17.

'90 **Rebecca Massey** is a financial analyst with Atlanta Financial Advisory Corp. and is pursuing an MBA at Georgia State.

Francis James Natale is an assistant fashions manager for K-Mart in Austell, Ga. He lives in Doraville, Ga.

Stephanie Daigh Saucier is a legal secretary for Layng, Ault & Associates in Stone Mountain, Ga. She lives in Norcross, Ga.

Nancy Baillio Wimberley is a project manager for Reynolds & Associates, an advertising agency in Atlanta.

Amy K. Downs is an examiner for the Alabama Department of Revenue. She lives in Montgomery.

G.W. Norrell is a legislative assistant for Alabama Rep. William L. Dickinson. He lives in Arlington, Va.

Cathy Barnett is a sports writer for *The Mobile Press Register*.

Jennifer Wynn attends the University of Missouri in pursuit of a master's degree in journalism.

Ben Thomas is a sports writer for *The Gadsden Times*.

Gretchen Skalka writes for *The Alabama Journal* in Montgomery.

Allison Sims Jennings is a junior accounts executive at Aydlotte & Cartwright Advertising/Public Relations. She lives in Atlanta with her husband, **Philip Thomas Jennings** '87, who works for BankSouth.

Stephanie Reed is a reporter for *The Andalusia Star-News*.

Pam Radtke is news editor for *The Dadeville Record*.

Mary Orndorff is a staff writer for *The Montgomery Advertiser*.

Suzanne Miner works for *Modern Bride* in New York City as an assistant to the managing editor.

Lebron Miles works for *The Decatur Daily* as a sports reporter.

Thad Foret is an assistant sports information director at the University of Tennessee.

Martha Cronk works for American Health Consultants in Atlanta as a newsletter editor for the dental profession.

Tommy Lee is a mechanical engineer at R.D. Werner Co. in Anniston.

Jzyk S. Ennis is a funeral director for Johns-Ridout's Funeral Parlors in Birmingham. He lives in Trussville.

Jim Tolbert is the clerk administrator for the city of LaFayette.

Brian D. Krum is a credit analyst with Sovran Bank in Roanoke, Va.

Stanley Marks, Jr., of Birmingham is an account representative for Sherwin Williams Co. in the consumer division.

Navy Ens. **Sam R. Hancock** recently

completed the Basic Surface Warfare Officer's course.

Navy Ens. **Richard L. Harvill** recently completed the Basic Surface Warfare Officer's course.

Richard B. Parnell, a second lieutenant, has graduated from The Basic School, where he prepared for assignment with the Fleet Marine Force.

2/Lt. **Daniel M. Sullivan** has graduated from The Basic School and been assigned to the Fleet Marine Force.

Marine 2/Lt. **David W. Eiland** has completed the Basic Infantry Officer course.

Mark A. Flournoy, a second lieutenant, has graduated from The Basic School and has been assigned to the Fleet Marine Force.

Marine 2/Lt. **Phillip R. Woodley** recently completed the Basic Infantry Officer course.

Michael Parker has been promoted to sergeant. He serves with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Ariz.

2/Lt. **James M. Williams** has graduated from The Basic School and been assigned to the Fleet Marine Force.

Scott Andrew Hidden is a graduate teaching assistant working on his master's degree in engineering at Auburn.

Christopher R. Meier is stationed at Fort Stewart, Ga. He and his wife, Susan, live in Savannah, Ga.

Jeffrey G. Sommerfeldt is an accountant for Aldridge, Borden & Co. in Montgomery.

Arquilla Ann Rivers works for the Federal Aviation Administration in Memphis.

John Joseph Godzina is a tax associate with Price Waterhouse in Atlanta. He lives in Smyrna, Ga.

Kelli Crockett teaches at Jefferson Davis High in Montgomery.

Chris J. Nauman is a rotating equipment engineer for Fluor Daniel. He lives in El Toro, Calif.

Mark Timothy Browning is an associate engineer with McDonnell Douglas Space Systems Co. in Huntsville, where he lives with his wife, **Jessica Fitzgerald** '88, director of finance and accounting for Optimization Technology.

Monica Venable Clark works at the Hughston Clinic in Columbus, Ga. She lives in Auburn with her husband, Tommy.

William E. Stack, III, works with Stack & Associates in Nashville.

Wilton H. (Tripp) McDavid, III, is an associate operational support specialist with IBM in Tampa, Fla.

Priscilla Denise West is an office manager for PRN in Mobile.

Meridith Dian McCracken is a staff accountant with Deloitte & Touche in Birmingham.

Frank A. Spina is a programmer with Remtech in Huntsville.

David Eric Williamson is an associate engineer with Thiokol Corp. in Clearfield, Utah. He is pursuing a master's degree in manufacturing systems engineering at Auburn through the Video Outreach Program.

Kevin M. Torres is a research engineer with the Georgia Tech Research Institute in Atlanta.

Mary L. Roberts teaches elementary school in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Laine White was recently promoted to territory manager for Schlumberger Industries in San Francisco. She lives in Pleasanton, Calif.

John E. Murphy, III, works with the Alabama Highway Department in Mobile, where he lives with his wife, **Amy Ledbetter**, a special education teacher.

Susan K. Depp is a special education teacher in Shelby County. She lives in Birmingham.

Tracy Bogardus Adrian lives in Pensacola, Fla., with her husband, **John Adrian** '89, a loan officer for North West Florida Farm Credit Service in Milton, Fla.

Paul A. Hajek is a maintenance engineer with Michelin Tire Corp. in Dothan.

M. Dabsey Mims is an accountant with Ernst & Young. She lives in Smyrna, Ga.

John C. Crittenden is a field engineer with Dunn Construction in Decatur.

Ginger E. Tucker is a visual merchandiser for McRae's in Birmingham.

Michael Wayne Lyles is an assistant engineer with Champion International in Roanoke Rapids, N.C., where he lives with his wife, **Amy Carpenter** '88.

Tracey Baynes Oprandy teaches first grade in the Ysleta Independent School District. She lives in El Paso, Tex., with her husband, Frank.

Melanie L. Harris is an administrative assistant at MTJ Manufacturing in Alexander City.

Jeffrey G. Ward is a sales representative with Royal Oldsmobile in Vestavia. He lives in Geneva.

Thad S. Johnson is a sales representative with Southern Business Systems in Dothan. He lives in Enterprise.

Brian E. Wood owns Ninth Green Landscaping in Arlington, Va.

R. Troy Hogue is an electrical project manager and estimator for Regal Electric in Birmingham.

Charles Tad Lidikay, III, is vice president of Maderex in Wilsonville. He lives in Birmingham.

Joey D. Shelton is an assistant systems engineer at Grumman Space Station in Huntsville.

Brian T. Owens is director of technical services for Hohenberg Bros. in Memphis.

Debora L. Liddell, Ed.D., recently received the Dissertation of the Year Award from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) for her doctoral dissertation and was also appointed to the editorial board of the NASPA journal. She is an adjunct instructor in the Department of Educational Foundations, Leadership, and Technology at Auburn. She and her husband, John, have two children, Chris, 5, and Gina, 2.

Marc P. Battle is an engineer in the earth science and applications division of New Technology in Huntsville.

Michael Buttram is a financial consultant for Merrill Lynch in Birmingham.

Ens. **Daniel Todd Skarda** is stationed in Waipahu, Hi., where he lives with his wife, **Elizabeth M. Newton** '89.

Robert Douglas Hawkins, Jr., DVM, is a small animal practitioner in Troy, where he lives with his wife, **Melanie Sanders**, and their son, Robert Douglas, III.

Paul Edwin Hinson, Jr., is a loan review analyst for the SouthTrust Corp. in Birmingham.

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John David Little teaches and coaches at West Rome Junior High in Rome, Ga., where he lives with his wife, Terry, and their son, Jonn-Lauren.

Marylou Stephens Kilgore is a nutrition specialist for the Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Ark. She and her husband, Alington, live in Rogers, Ark., with their children, Kristina, 6, Mark, 3, and Michele, 1.

MARRIED: A. Nicole Alford to K. Eric Mashburn on Aug. 17. She attends graduate school at UAB and he attends medical school at UAB.

Lori G. Russell to **James T. Hagan, III**, on Sept. 14. He works for the Hagan Construction Co. in Montgomery.

Patricia Cathryn Wilson to **Stephen Patrick Gibson** on Sept. 14. He works for Alabama Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Johna M. Montgomery '91 to **Christopher Wayne Channell** on Sept. 28. He works with Environmental Design Group in Birmingham.

Lisa Katherine Bradford to John Lowery Capell, IV, on April 6. He owns CPR Technologies and CPR Systems in Auburn. They live in Montgomery.

Amy Carroll Roberts to **Charles Barry Nicks, Jr.**, on Sept. 7. He is in graduate school at Auburn.

'91 Ramon Scott is a staff photographer for the *Columbus* (Ga.) *Ledger-Enquirer*.

Amanda Piper has received a scholarship to attend Emerson College in Boston, where she will work toward a master's degree in public relations.

Monica Hill has accepted an assistantship in the Office of Student Affairs at the University of Alabama, where she is working on a master's degree in journalism.

F. Randy deCelle works for Batcon, Inc., in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Missy Tasky, DVM, practices at Alameda East Veterinary Clinic in Denver.

William James Brueckner works for Shaw Industries in Dalton, Ga.

John Edward McDonald is a management associate for Sunbank, Inc., in Orlando, Fla., where he lives with his wife, Kimberly, and their son, John Alexander.

MARRIED: Gloria Gallaspy '81 to **William Bryan Green, Jr.** They live in Huntsville.

Jennifer Dierks Blackmon to Michael Allen Buttrey on Aug. 24. They live in Athens, Ga.

Susan Elizabeth Phillips to Eric Sean Snell on June 15. She attends graduate school at Auburn and he is an accountant at Habif, Arogeti, & Wynne in Atlanta. They live in Newnan, Ga.

In Memoriam

Compiled by Vicki Perry '93

James Karl Jones '14, DVM, of Auburn is deceased according to recent information.

Laurie Artemus McCranie '16 of Lakeland, Fla., died Apr. 27. Survivors include his wife, Allene.

Charles N. Nettles '20 of Monroeville is deceased according to recent information.

Cameron W. White '25 of St. Petersburg, Fla., died July 22. He was owner and president of White Manufacturing Co. and the Florida Mattress Co. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; sons, Cameron White, Jr., '54, Vernon H. White '56, and Clement; brother, Hubbard; sisters, Addie and Olive; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Early C. McKnight '26 of Auburn is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his grandson, Early C. McKnight, III, '85.

Ruby Strain MacDonald '28 of Wedo-wee is deceased according to recent information.

Loman O. Reese '28 of Huntington, W. Va., has been deceased since Sept. 27, 1990, according to recent information. Survivors include his wife, Ruth.

Thelma E. Graves '29 of Auburn died July 26. She had taught at Auburn for 20 years. She is survived by her sister, Margaret Graves Frazier '32, and brother, John Joel Graves '48.

R. Gilmer Brownfield '29 of Auburn died Sept. 21. He owned a dental practice. He is survived by his daughter, Eleanor, and stepsons, Samuel L. Chesnutt '70 and Berner S. Chesnutt '65.

Edgar R. Trammell '31 of Walnut Creek, Calif., died Aug. 28. He is survived by his wife, Rose Mary; son, Von; daughter, Emelynn; and two grandsons.

William M. Keller '32 of Birmingham died Aug. 9. He was a retired partner from the KMG-Peat Marwick Accounting Firm. He is survived by his wife, Florence; and daughters, Caroline Keller Hill '61 and Charlotte Keller Frith '64.

Jerome D. McKinstry '34 of Spanish Fort is deceased according to recent information.

Thomas C. Berry '36, DVM, of Ardmore, Tenn., died July 11. Survivors include his wife, Dew; son, William T. Berry '75, DVM; and two grandchildren.

Douglas Goode '37 of Montgomery is deceased according to recent information.

Mildred Martin Pitts '38 of Montgomery died Aug. 3. Survivors include her nephews, William Starke '62 and Wendell M. Starke '63.

Cecil C. Williamon '38 of Jacksonville died Mar. 27 according to recent information.

John Herbert Harris '39 of Geneva died June 19. Survivors include his wife, Ethel; sons, John H. Harris, III, '64 and Robert H. Harris '55; daughter, Ann; and six grandchildren.

Alice Hornsby Smith '40 of Headland is deceased according to recent information.

Urban Earl Whatley '40, DVM, of Cleveland, Tenn., died Aug. 1. He is survived by his son, U. Earl Whatley, Jr., '71; daughter, Kathryn; brothers, Christopher C. Whatley '47, Wilmer L. Whatley '25, and Bruce; sisters, Inez, Mabel, Mary, and Dorothy; and three grandchildren.

Emily Burt Forman '40 of Tuskegee has been deceased since Jan. 21, 1989, according to recent information. She was Lee Academy's first headmaster and taught in the Department of Education at Auburn.

Anna Cammack McCabe '41 of Hope Hull is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include her husband, Thomas P. McCabe '39.

David Robinson Savelle '41 of Warrington, Fla., died Aug. 8. He was retired from real estate and insurance businesses. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jo, and daughters, Patty and Jeanne.

James Lewis Johns '42, DVM, of Montgomery is deceased according to recent information.

Vera Young Reid '42 of Pleasant Grove has been deceased since May 2, 1990, according to recent information. She was retired from the University of Hawaii as a home management specialist. Survivors include her aunt, Evelyn, and cousin, Richard.

William L. Henry '42 of Birmingham died Aug. 23. He was retired from Southern Co. Services. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; daughters, Linda Henry '67 and Carol Henry Moore '70; and son, Bill Henry '72.

Julian E. Leysath '43 of Annandale, Va., died July 24. He is survived by his wife, Betty; sons Edward, Terrence, and Scott; and sister, Ruby.

Joseph R. Hickson '43 of Miami died June 4. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; brothers Joe, John S. Hickson '44, and Sam

M. Hickson '39; and sister, Ann Hickson Bass '50.

Walter Lee Lindsey '43, DVM, of Galax, Va., is deceased according to recent information.

John R. Brodrick '44 of Hendersonville, N.C., died July 27. He is survived by his wife, Tod; son, John; daughter, Sandra; stepdaughter, Terry; and one granddaughter.

Kathleen Walker Duncan '46 of Memphis died July 17. She was a retired teacher from Central Elementary School. She is survived by her sister, Evelyn, and brother, Charles.

Kimball Boan Nall '46 of Birmingham died Aug. 9. She is survived by her son, John A. Nall '86; daughters, Martha, Ellen, and Jane; brother, Leslie; and mother, Lois.

Kathleen Lamb Green '47 of Wadley is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include her husband, Walter, and son, Walter Sidney Green '69.

Raymond E. Stringer '47 of Selma is deceased according to recent information.

Woodham Wendell Cauley '47 of Opelika died July 14. He was the founder of Cauley and Associates, CPAs. He is survived by his wife; sons, Wendell and Bilee; daughter, Cissy; three granddaughters; mother, Betty; and sister.

James B. Strange '47 of Jacksons Gap died Aug. 14 according to recent information. He is survived by his wife, Orleans; son, James; stepson, Stephen; and brother, William Kennedy Strange '49.

Jean Shannon Ritchie '48 of Birmingham died July 21. She is survived by her husband, J. Ralph Ritchie '51; sons, William, Ralph, and James; daughter, Rosalyn; and mother, Nellie.

Henry L. Bonner '49 of Birmingham is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his wife, Myrtle Studdard Bonner '50.

Earl P. Andrews, Jr., '49 of Mobile has been deceased since June 1989 according to recent information. Survivors include his mother.

Robert M. Gatewood '49 of Montgomery is deceased according to recent information. He is survived by his wife, Edna; sons, George Gatewood '89 and Bobby; and daughters, Delia and Becky Gatewood Bray '78.

Charles E. Hooper '49 of Morgantown, W. Va., died Aug. 2. Survivors include his father, Clyde, and stepmother, Louise.

Robert B. Walker '50 of Houston is deceased according to recent information. He was founder, president, and a trustee of the Southwest Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. He was also co-founder of the firm of Bishop & Walker. Survivors include his wife.

W. Glenn Robeson '50 of Melbourne, Fla., has been deceased since Sept. 15, 1990, according to recent information. Survivors include his son, Chip.

Paul O. Phillips, Jr., '50 of Huntsville died June 21. He was retired from work with the Strategic Defense Initiative. Survivors include his wife.

Ted B. Weatherwax '50 of Decatur died Aug. 13. He was retired from Peterson Farms, Inc. Survivors include his daughters, Sandy and Jan Weatherwax Roberts '76.

George F. Gilliland '51 of Murrysville, Pa., is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his wife, Olga.

George Thomas Brown '51 of Chelsa died Feb. 13. Survivors include his wife, Katherine, and their three children.

Robert Micklebury Hall '51 of McCormick, S.C., is deceased according to recent information.

Minnie Lou Stinson '51 of Gadsden is deceased according to recent information.

Paul W. Higgins, Jr., '51 of Hueytown died Aug. 20. He is survived by his wife, Jane; sons, Patrick and Michael; daughter, Lisa; and brother, William P. Higgins '50.

Clyde E. Morgan '52, DVM, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., died Sept. 8. Survivors include his wife, Betty Hartsfield Morgan '49.

Elizabeth Skelton Sharpe '53 of West Point, Ga., has been deceased since Oct. 31, 1990, according to recent information.

Lucy Harris '54 of Coden is deceased according to recent information.

Donald H. Stephenson '54 of Birmingham has been deceased since Mar. 12, 1990, according to recent information.

Verna Wisham Griggs '56 of Butler, Ga., is deceased according to recent information.

David W. Lewis '56 of Fairfield died Mar. 22. Survivors include his wife, Miriam White Lewis '51.

Gertrude Gaines Willingham '56 of Albuquerque, N.M., is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include her daughter, Mary.

Marion H. Riley, Jr., '57 of Huntsville is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his wife, Priscilla; son, Trey Riley '77; and daughters, Leigh Riley McElyea '80, Janie A. Riley '82, and Julie.

Maurine Ruff Jolley '57 of Shorter is deceased according to recent information.

Berta Kirkpatrick Tant '57 of Warrior died Feb. 27 according to recent information.

Gerthen Elbert Williams, Jr., '58 of Auburn died Aug. 31. He was retired from the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service. He is survived by his wife, Mariam; son, Mark; mother, Thelma; brother, George Williams '60; sister, Emmagene; and two grandchildren.

Marvin E. McCoy '60 of Montgomery is deceased according to recent information.

Robert George Springle, Jr., '61 of Shalimar, Fla., died Aug. 8 according to recent information.

Leon D. Herring '63 of Mobile is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his wife, Shirley, and son, Leon D. Herring, Jr., '90.

William L. McCormick, II, '66 of Huntsville is deceased according to recent information.

Gurvice Ashley Clark '66 of Phenix City is deceased according to recent information.

Helen E. Matlock '67 of Irvington is deceased according to recent information.

Albert Leonard May '69 of Pinole, Calif., died Apr. 4. Survivors include his wife.

Herbert C. Kyzer, II, '69 of Bessemer is deceased according to recent information.

Katherine Pritchett Rindt '69 of Birmingham is deceased according to recent information.

Robert Warner Dick '70 is deceased according to recent information.

Judy Ann Watson '74 of Birmingham is deceased according to recent information.

Martha Laura Duckett '77 of Albertville is deceased according to recent information.

Delena Carol Pickens '77 of Birmingham died July 10. She was a consumer relations supervisor with Alabama Power. Survivors include her father, Glenn.

Malcolm Connor Mohead '79 of Starkville, Miss., is deceased according to recent information.

Donald Stanley Voak '80 of Headland is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Voak.

Robert Michael Burley '81 of Atlanta died Aug. 7. He is survived by his parents, Jim and Rachel Burley; sister, Christy; brothers, James R. Burley, II, '80 and Rick; and grandmother, Madaline.

Maria Teresa Crowell '82 of Alexander City is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include her parents.

Donald Glenn Holmes '86 of Hartselle is deceased according to recent information.

Lt. Kenneth Douglas Pickens '88 of San Diego, Calif., is deceased according to recent information. He was killed in a Navy helicopter accident near Wake Island in the Pacific Ocean. Survivors include his parents, **Lyle Pickens** '70 and Charlotte, and brother, Brandon.

Charles Anderson Whitehead '89 of Birmingham died Aug. 5. Survivors include his wife, Virginia Pearce Whitehead '86.

Tiger Walk

Eagles' '91-'92 Tigers Look to Resume Climb to the Top

By Mike Jernigan '80

Tiger Basketball Coach Tommy Joe Eagles has experienced something of a roller coaster ride in his first two years at the Auburn helm. The Tigers finished 13-18 and sixth in the SEC in 1989-90 with a team picked last in pre-season, then took a step backward last year with a 13-16 record and a spot in the conference cellar.

Injuries, youth, and inexperience contributed to last season's woes, as well as a crippling lack of depth. But with several promising new players in the Tiger lineup this year, more depth, and another year's experience for his returnees, Eagles is hoping the coming season will put the Tigers back on the road to SEC respectability.

In the following interview, Eagles talked about last season's woes and this season's opportunities.

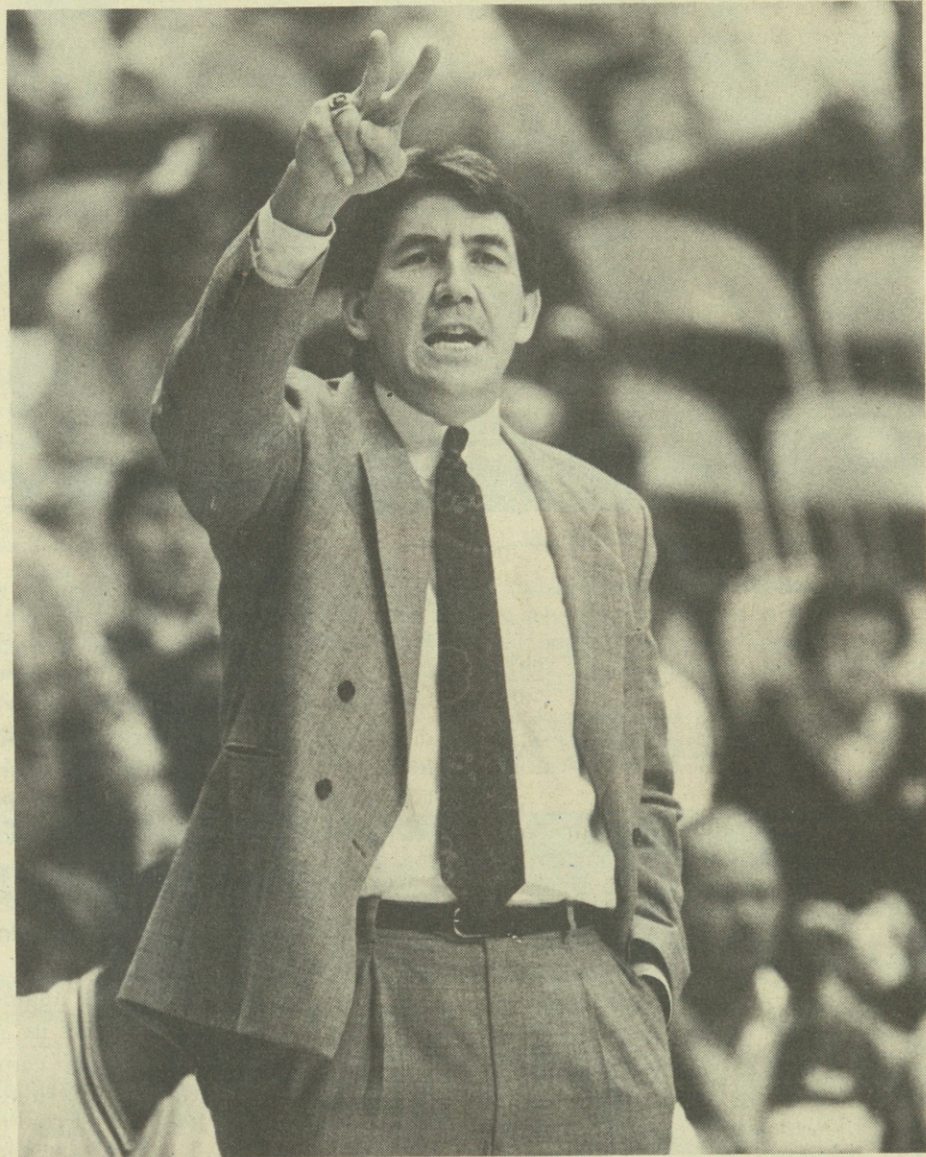
Was last year's disappointing finish a surprise to you?

I wouldn't really call it a surprise. I think all our expectations were high going into the season because we were coming off a first season where we had achieved more than expected. But we failed to realize what a young and small team we still had. The combination of the two—youth and lack of size—has a major impact. We played well early but lost some close, heartbreaking games, and the disappointment set us back.

Then we had injuries to almost every starter at one time or another on a team that had very little depth. So it became a Murphy's Law season where everything that could go wrong did go wrong. It was a season of what could have been rather than what was. But we were still playing our best ball at the end of the year when we upset LSU in the SEC tournament. And we continued the process of building a foundation for our program.

Do you feel like you are on schedule as far as the rebuilding plan you envisioned when you took the job two years ago?

I felt when I took on the challenge of coming to Auburn that it would take anywhere from three to five years to rebuild, depending on the condition of the program. You can't judge a program until the majority of the athletes in it are your recruits or those who were already in the program have had time to adapt to a new system and new expectations. Are we headed where we



RESETTING GOALS—Coach Tommy Joe Eagles and his basketball Tigers are having to reexamine their goals this season after the NCAA hit Auburn with two years of probation for recruiting violations. The penalties include a ban on post-season play for the 1991-92 season, which will also keep the Tigers out of the 1992 SEC Tournament in Birmingham.

need to be? Yes. Are we a finished product? No.

What do you feel are the strengths of this year's team?

I hope our strong points will be our ability to play defense and rebound. I would like for the defense to be creative—to create opportunities for the offense. How well we are able to develop in these two areas will determine our success.

Weaknesses?

Youth, inexperience, and the lack of a dominant inside player. This is still a very young basketball team. We only have two seniors. How quick our young players—in particular our young inside guys—adjust to the college game will be vital for us.

Will fans see a new style of play this season?

The program is beginning to take a shape to match our philosophy, which is fast-paced and up-tempo. To run that kind of scheme, you have to have the right type of players. An up-tempo offense requires versatile athletes that

can play good defense and rebound in addition to being good offensively. We have been recruiting with that in mind, and we are beginning to get that type of player in our program.

I'm not really concerned about who starts and who doesn't. The way we are going to play will require 10 or 11 guys who will all see a lot of playing time.

Do you expect any help from first-year players?

Aubrey Wiley had been a barometer on our effort level up until his injury (leg stress fracture, out two to six weeks). He has a tremendous work ethic and desire. Aaron Swinson is an amazing athlete, but he has never played a college game and we will have to wait and see how he reacts. He needs to play better defense. Willie Jones has been the surprise of the year so far. He has unusual speed and quickness and great hand-eye coordination for a big man. And Mitch Taylor should provide us with depth at both guard spots.

What about the veterans?

Reggie Gallon and Champ Wrencher are having a great competition for the point spot, and the fact that we have

two quality guys there says something about our depth improvement this season. Ronnie Battle and Wesley Person have both looked good on the perimeter. Ronnie has given consistently outstanding effort on defense and is shooting well. Wesley needs to do a little better job of rebounding and playing defense to get where he needs to be.

Chris Brandt is the old man of this team. He is a father figure and a good example for our young big men. And Rod Joyce has showed flashes of greatness. We've talked about his potential ever since he's been here, but he needs to show more consistent effort to live up to it.

How do you feel about the new divisional lineup of the SEC, with Auburn part of the West Division along with Alabama, Arkansas, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, and LSU?

I'm all for the new divisional scheme. It reduces our SEC schedule by two games, which will allow all the conference teams to be better prepared for post-season play and should put more SEC teams into the NCAA. People don't realize how brutal it was to play 18 SEC games and the SEC Tournament, then enter into the NCAA Tournament.

How do you expect the West and the SEC race to shape up?

There are three teams in the West Division which appear to be capable of top ten finishes—Arkansas, LSU, and Alabama. If they can handle some of the adversity surrounding their program, Arkansas could have their best team yet. LSU's Shaquille O'Neal is the best player in the country and when you have a force like him, you're a contender for both the league and national title. And Alabama is very talented offensively and they play good defense. As for the rest of the division, Mississippi State had one of their best recruiting years ever and Ole Miss redshirted several players last season that should help them out this year.

As for the East, many experts are picking Kentucky as one of the top three teams in the country. South Carolina, Georgia, and Vanderbilt could all have an impact. Tennessee and Florida should be improved, too. Overall, the SEC should be much better than last season.

Eagles, Ciampi Sign Three Each In Early Period

Coach Tommy Joe Eagles and his staff signed three prospects during the basketball early signing period which began on Nov. 13, while Coach Joe Ciampi's Lady Tigers also inked three.

Leading the men's signees was Mark Hutton, a 6-8 forward from Barton County (Kan.) Community College who was generally regarded as one of the nation's top prospects and was the Tigers' most publicized signee. Hutton averaged 17 points and just under 10 rebounds per game last season, and was rated the top prospect in the country by at least one recruiting service. He picked AU over Kentucky, Arkansas, and Oklahoma.

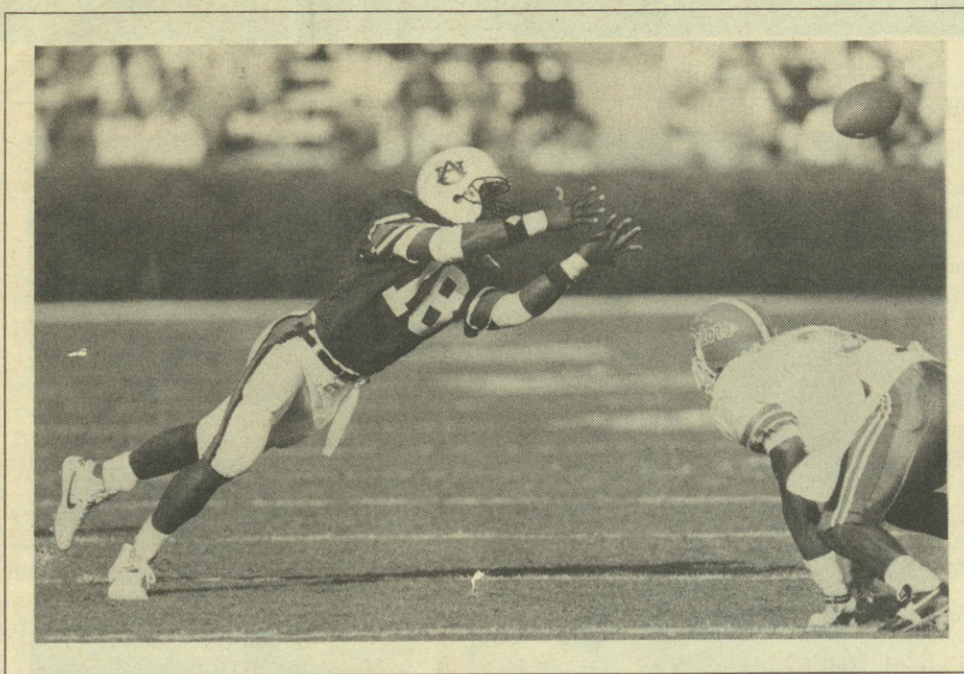
Rodney Dent, a 6-10 center from Odessa (Tex.) Junior College, also signed with the Tigers. Dent originally signed with AU in the fall, but failed to complete his junior college coursework in time to report for fall. He will arrive on campus in December and will be eligible to play this season.

Rounding out Eagles' signees was Lance Weems, a 6-3 point guard from Clay County High School. The son of Jerry Weems '73, who also coached him, Weems is a two-time All-State selection who averaged 31 points, eight assists, and 10 rebounds per game as a senior.

Coach Joe Ciampi and the Lady Tiger staff also did well during the early signing period. Ciampi signed two All-Americans from the California high school ranked number one in the country, 6-4 center Monique Morehouse and 5-7 point guard Kristen Milligan.

Morehouse averaged 11.4 points and 10 rebounds per games last season, while Milligan averaged 12.5 points, six assists, and four steals.

Ciampi's third signee was 6-1 forward Tonia Trail of Lake Charles, La. Trail averaged 17 points and eight rebounds



JUST OUT OF REACH—This pass to Thomas Bailey fell incomplete, much to the disappointment of the Florida defender lying in wait. Winning this season was just out of reach for the Tigers much of the time, as they lost several close games and failed to earn a bowl bid for the first time since the 1981 season. —AU Photo

per game as a junior on the way to honorable mention All-America honors.

Bolton Named Female Athlete Of the Year

Former Lady Tiger Ruthie Bolton was recently named USA Basketball's Female Athlete of the Year for her part in leading the American team to a gold medal in the World University Games last summer.

A former three-year starter for Coach Joe Ciampi's Lady Tigers, Bolton led the U.S. team to an 8-0 record and the championship. Along the way, she led the team in scoring (14 points per game), was second in assists (2.4 per game), and was fourth in rebounding (4.5 per game).

In the championship game against Spain, Bolton scored 23 points in an 88-62 win. Her tournament high came against Romania in the quarterfinals, when she finished with 40 points, 11 rebounds, and five assists, despite limited playing time.

Tiger Basketball, Tennis Slapped With NCAA Probation

Citing major rules violations in the Auburn men's basketball and tennis programs, the NCAA Committee on Infractions slapped both programs with two years of probation during a campus press conference Nov. 18.

In basketball, NCAA rules violations involved both assistant coaches and the head coach and centered around the recruiting of a prospective student-athlete. Violations occurring included improper contacts, benefits, and inducements, as well as unethical conduct, according to the NCAA Infractions Committee Report.

NCAA, SEC, and self-imposed penalties assessed on the basketball program include reprimand and censure, a ban on post-season play following the 1991-92 season, including the SEC Tournament in Birmingham, a limit on the number of off-campus recruiters during the 1992 calendar year, a limit on the off-campus recruiting of the head coach, a reduction in the number of expense-paid, on-campus recruiting visits, and the reassignment for one

year of an assistant basketball coach to other university duties unrelated to the basketball program. The Tigers are not, however, banned from regular season TV appearances.

"I didn't come to Auburn to jeopardize the school, the program, my staff, or myself," said basketball Head Coach Tommy Joe Eagles after receiving the report. "If I didn't tell you I was embarrassed over the very existence of this situation, I wouldn't be truthful."

Violations in the men's tennis program were self-reported by the university to the SEC and the NCAA in June 1990. These violations included providing improper transportation and monetary inducements to both student-athletes and their relatives. The coaches involved in the tennis violations are no longer employed by the university.

Penalties on the tennis program include elimination of all paid recruiting visits for the 1992 calendar year, imposition of a show-cause requirement for the head men's tennis coach, and the adoption of

other penalties already self-imposed by the institution and the SEC.

In both the basketball and tennis cases, the NCAA imposed less than the required minimum penalties for major violations. The Committee on Infractions chose not to impose more severe penalties "as a result of the attitude of cooperation by the president of the university to comply with NCAA rules and to promptly deal with violations." The committee also noted that it "did not find a lack of institutional control at this time. The university's president had instituted a program which should have led to an athletics program free from violations of NCAA rules, but unfortunately did not."

Responding to the committee's report, President James E. Martin '54 did not rule out an appeal, which must be made within 15 days of the university's receiving the report. "I am pleased that the Committee on Infractions gave the university credit for its careful investigation," he said, "and that it recommended lesser penalties than it might have imposed because of the university's commitment to compliance."

Bolton is the second former Tiger to win USA Basketball recognition. Former Auburn forward Chuck Person, now with the NBA's Indiana Pacers, was selected as the Male Athlete of the Year in 1985.

Meeting Challenges of the Nineties

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those policies that reduce the quality of education to the lowest level of learning ability or interest level in a segment of the population, and to the competence level of teachers assigned for reasons other than ability and knowledge.

In the interest of expanding student participation in engineering, Dr. Walker may wish to examine the reliance on grade point averages as a benchmark for admittance to the School of Engineering at Auburn. Grades achieved by less mature minds, nurtured by uninspired teachers, and in subjects of limited interest to those with technical aspirations do not indicate the capability for success in an engineering curriculum or profession.

However, I'm hesitant to be too critical in this matter because I don't have a recommendation as to admittance criteria, given the enrollment limitations imposed by university resources. It is well known, however, that some very successful engineers practicing today would not have had the opportunity to become engineers at Auburn under the present criterion.

But I do have a recommendation for those searching for a new university president. Auburn needs someone who, like Dean Walker, understands the technological challenges of the 21st century, who fully appreciates the problems of American education, and who will provide a more equitable emphasis on the Auburn missions of instruction, research, and extension. There are certainly many additional complexities to the job, such as fund raising, management of resources, diplomacy in alumni and faculty relations, and so forth; however, none should be elevated above a philosophical intent to be honest with Auburn students, the citizens of Alabama, and the needs of the state.

Fred H. Carley '49
Niceville, Fla.

Alumnews Appreciated In Gator Country

Dear Editor,

Great new format—keep up the sensational work. We don't get a lot of Auburn news here in Gator country.

All the best.

Robert G. Thornton '70
Winter Park, Fla.

Engineering Seeks Nominations for Awards Program

The College of Engineering is now accepting nominations for its 1992 awards programs. Two general categories are represented: the Birdsong Excellence in Teaching Awards for faculty members, and the Auburn Alumni Engineering Council Awards, which are directed toward alumni and friends of the college.

Three Birdsong Merit Teaching Awards, consisting of \$3,000 stipends, and the Birdsong Superior Teaching Award, consisting of a \$6,000 stipend, comprise this annual program. The awards seek to recognize and motivate outstanding teaching by faculty who educate engineering students.

Alumni participation is actively sought in nominating candidates. The awards will be presented during a spring quarter ceremony. More information may be obtained from the Birdsong Teaching Awards Committee, 108 Ramsay Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5330.

The College of Engineering is also seeking nominations for its awards program held in conjunction with the Alumni Engineering Council, which is seeking candidates for four awards. These include the Gilmer Award, the Distinguished Auburn Engineer Award, the Engineering Achievement Award, and the Engineering Superior Service Award.

The council's awards committee determines the category that candidates best fill, and recognizes nominations on that basis. Anyone may make a nomination, and candidates remain active indefinitely. Applications are available through the council secretary, Dean E.O. Jones, at the Ramsay Hall address above.

Nominations Sought For Undergrad Teaching Awards

In February, the Alumni Association will present its fourth Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Awards to two Auburn professors. Nominations for the award are now being sought from students, alumni, and others.

To nominate a teacher, or support the nomination of a teacher made by someone else, send a letter explaining how the teacher is exceptional. In the letter, consider: the quality of the teaching performance (i.e., good lecturer), knowledge of subject, interest in students and availability to them, influence within Auburn University (i.e., number of courses taught, committee assignments, etc.), and impact on

the nominator's personal educational experience.

Nominations will be screened and four finalists chosen by a committee of retired faculty. The final two recipients, who will each receive a \$500 honorarium, will be chosen by a committee from the Alumni board of directors.

Previous recipients are not eligible. They are Gary Trentham of the Department of Consumer Affairs, Robert Richardson of the Department of Music, Larry Wit of the Department of Zoology/Wildlife Science, David King of the Department of Geology, George Folkerts of the Department of Zoology/Wildlife Science, and Joseph Kicklighter of the Department of History.

The deadline for nominations is January 3, 1992. Nominations should be sent to Kaye Lovvorn, Alumni Teaching Award, Office of Advancement, 317 South College St., Auburn University, AL 36849.

Scebra's New Book Benefits Fraternity

J. Boyd Scebra, associate dean emeritus of the College of Education, has recently authored a new book based on his 31 years of experience as a high school teacher, college professor, administrator, and fraternity advisor and house parent.

The book is entitled *A Blueprint for a Successful Life—for Teenagers and Young Adults*. All proceeds from sales of the book go to the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

To order your copy, send a \$20 check payable to J. Boyd Scebra to him at 831 Lem Morrison Drive, Auburn, AL 36830.

Aubie Calendars Now Available

The AU Student Government Association's 1992 Aubie calendar is now available by mail and at all Auburn-area bookstores.

The calendar is based on a hero theme, with Auburn's favorite feline doing his own special versions of fictional and real heroes such as John Wayne, Indiana Jones, James Bond, Robin Hood, Robocop, Batman, and Bo Jackson.

The Aubie calendars were originally conceived in the early 1980s to finance Aubie expenses such as costumes and props for skits. Each Aubie suit costs about \$1,800, and new costumes must be purchased on a regular basis.

The cost for each calendar is \$5, plus \$1.50 postage and handling. To order by mail, send a check payable to the Aubie Fund to: Aubie Calendar, AU Student Government Association, 332 Foy Union, Auburn University, AL 36849-5134.

Nominees Sought For 1991 Walter Gilbert Award

Nominees are now being sought for the 1991 Walter Gilbert Award—the highest honor the university can bestow on a former athlete.

The award, given in memory of the late Walter Gilbert '37, a former Tiger center who later became vice president of Texaco Oil Company's European operations, recognizes former Auburn athletes who have distinguished themselves and Auburn University through their achievements since graduation.

It is the responsibility of the individual or group submitting the nomination to ensure that the qualifications of the nominee are well-documented. Send nominations to the Faculty Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, Office of

Intercollegiate Athletics, 202 Ramsay Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849.

Deadline for nominations is April 15, 1992.

Alum Needs Help For Rehab Costs

George Tehan '83 of Auburn recently suffered severe injuries in an automobile accident in his hometown of Springfield, Ohio.

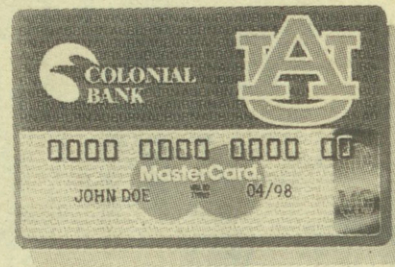
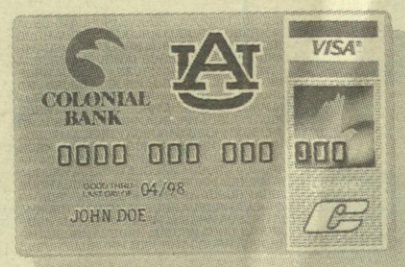
He is currently recovering, but is having to undergo extensive therapy and rehabilitation at a hospital in Chicago.

Friends, classmates, and other alumni interested in helping the Tehan family with the heavy medical costs involved in this rehabilitation can contribute to a special fund set up for that purpose. Send contributions to the Tehan Trust Fund, Ohio Bank, P.O. Box 20920, Columbus, Ohio, 43220.

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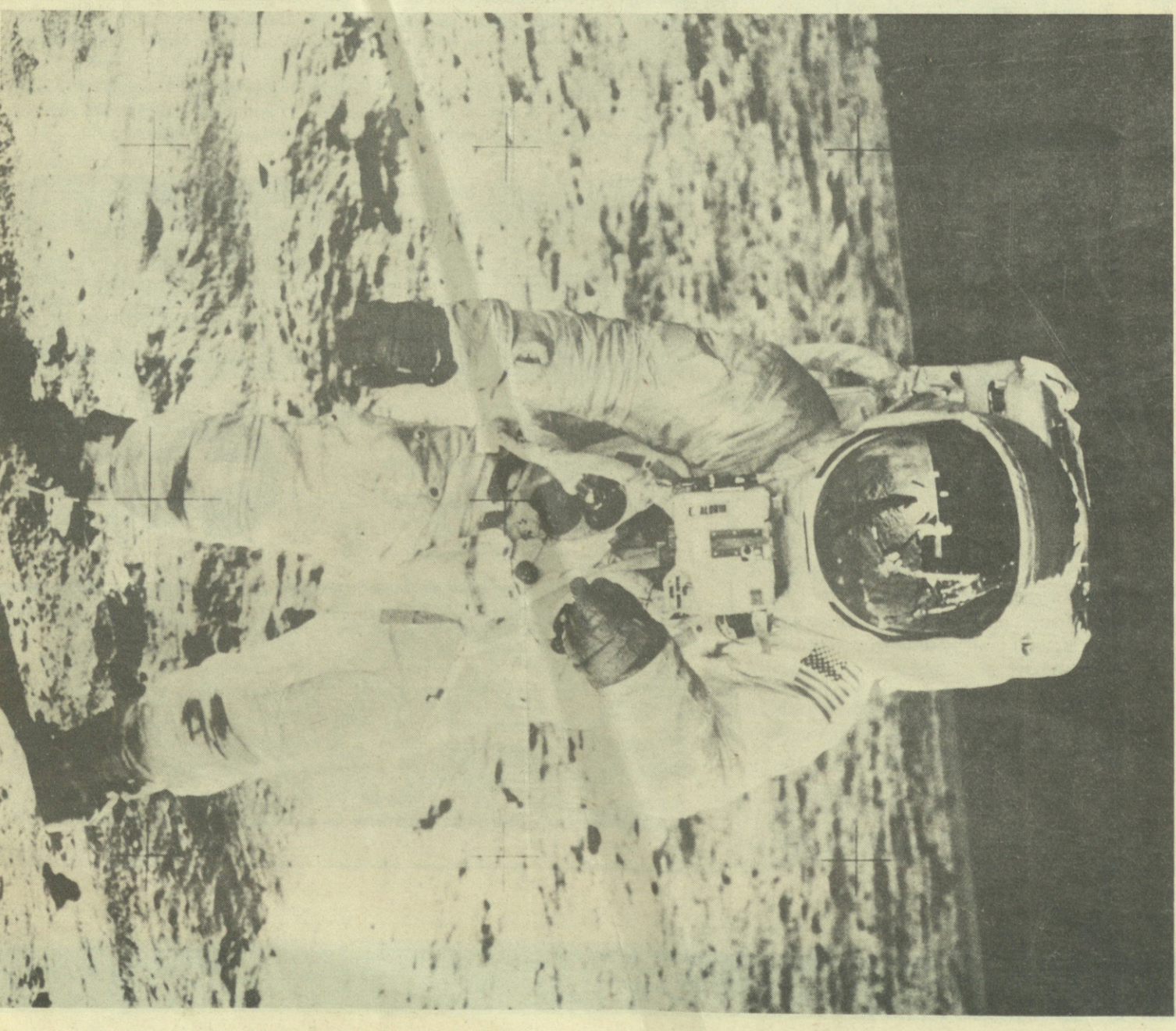
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